Learning Management Business Reform

This past week the Department of Education launched the Learning Management Business Reform (LMBR) for Central Coast public schools. It is intended that the finance aspect of this integrated business model will replace the current OASIS program of managing school finances which has been in NSW public schools for nearly thirty years. Importantly, LMBR will integrate school finance along with student management, attendance and well-being functions.

On Tuesday, Mrs Powe, our School Administration Manager and I attended the first of a number of training sessions in readiness for the introduction of LMBR in May 2016. The expected benefits of LMBR to our school and its community are expected to be significant as it will streamline and improve many of the systems we currently use.

I look forward to this exciting opportunity as we work with personnel from the Department of Education to effectively implement this new integrated system of school management at Gosford Public School.

Good Luck Samantha

Our school is extremely proud of our school captain Samantha who is in class 6C. For the third year Samantha has qualified to contest the final of the State Spelling Bee Competition which is to be held this Wednesday, November 11 at the ABC studios, Ultimo and will be broadcast live on ABC radio (702 on the AM band and 92.5 on the FM band).

This is an outstanding achievement as many schools across the state enter students in this prestigious competition. As a Year 5 student last year Samantha finished a very creditable third place overall in the senior primary section competing against many Year 6 students.
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 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:

- 25th November - P&C AGM Meeting
- 3rd December - Year 6 to7 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 Term1, 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.


A copy is also included in this newsletter.

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.

**Canteen**

16th Nov - William
17th Nov - Janene
18th Nov - Jennifer
19th Nov - Annette
20th Nov - Danielle, Lanissa
P & C

Casey’s Toy Warehouse VIP Shopping Night

P & C has organised a VIP night at Casey’s Toys at Erina on Tuesday 1st December at 6pm-8pm for our parents, carers, staff and friends of Gosford Public School. This is an opportunity to get some of your Christmas shopping out the way in a quiet and relatively peaceful environment. So as not to spoil Santa's surprise Casey’s have indicated that this is an event not for the children. See flyer in this newsletter.

RSVP 27th November either by tear off slip or to the gosfordpspandc@gmail.com

Uniform Shop News

Uniform shop will be opened in the Chapman Room this Thursday 2:15-3:30pm. A new price list will be out in a couple of weeks so come in and grab a bargain before the price rises, most items available. New style school shirts will be available soon, ready for next year.

Hats are always available from the school office ($12.00). Library bags are available from the Library ($10.00) all year round.

Last Tuesday morning trading is 17 November 2015 from 8:45 - 9:30am in the Chapman Room.
TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 6-8PM
GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL VIP SHOPPING NIGHT

Caseys Toys along with Gosford Public School have created a VIP shopping night for all parents & friends. Come along & take advantage of our specials, drinks & nibbles & quiet shopping environment. Your school will receive a voucher back of 20% of sales made on the night – so the more you spend, the more they get! Please complete slip below and hand into the office to RSVP by Friday 27th November if you are attending. *Please note any purchases at Christmas Warehouse will not contribute to the gift voucher to Gosford Public School.

RSVP

I will attend the Caseys Toys VIP night on Tuesday 1st December and there will be _____ guests in total.

Name:
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who’s eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.