A SMOOTH START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

Settling over 540 students into new classes is sure to present some challenges for myself, executive and other school staff. Combine this with eight new staff who need to be orientated to the school routines and become familiar with new colleagues and students. It’s great when the hard work and planning that occurred over the summer vacation period ensured that students enjoyed a very smooth start to the school year.

AN EXCITING YEAR PLANNED FOR SCHOOL BAND

Last week Mr Francis, our Deputy Principal and myself met with Esther See the school band coordinator and David Dallinger who tutors and conducts the concert band.

It was pleasing to see the options available both with performance opportunities and tutoring for the 2015 school year. This year we are trialling an independent band model whereby the school organizes and manages its own band program. Both Esther and David have been busy over the summer vacation putting in place the necessary organisation to optimise the opportunities for a successful band program.

We especially welcome our band tutors: Pauline Ainsworth (brass), Joe Smith (percussion), Emma Jones (flute) and David Dallinger (reeds). Bands and tutorials have started this week. If anyone is interested please contact Esther See 0408 241098.
ROAD AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Student safety is paramount to our school and I would appreciate any concerns from a school, pedestrian or bus perspective be directed to Mr Francis or myself. I would like to thank Mr Lockyer, Mr Lincoln, Mrs Hinton and Mr Francis for their diligence in ensuring our students’ safety by attending Gosford railway station throughout this first week to support students at this important transition point.

PARKING

I urge all parents and carers who drive their children to our school to please make yourself aware of the parking restrictions in and around Faunce St West. I know that Gosford City Council Rangers diligently patrol this area and fines for traffic infringements within school boundaries can often exceed $300.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The school breakfast program at this stage is not available due to lack of funding by the community agency. Genuine hardship cases will be contacted by the school and an arrangement will be made.

John Anderson

KINDERGARTEN FIRST DAY
SCHOOL BANKING. Put a reminder in your student diary/calendar/mobile phone. Get banking ready on Wednesday night because..... THURSDAY = SCHOOL BANKING DAY

Our first banking day will be Thursday 12th February, please bring your yellow bank books and hand to your class teacher. Be sure to update your bank book with your new class name for 2015.

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. There is an exciting new range of rewards on offer for 2015.

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 Public School.
Did you know….There are several ways to obtain an electronic copy of the GPS newsletter? You never need to miss a thing, read your newsletter via:

- The GPS app – Download our Skoolbag app (apple & Android) and each week you will receive an alert when the newsletter is available.
- The GPS Newsletter Email Service – visit the school website and join the Chimpmail Email Service and each week your newsletter will be emailed to your nominated account.

We understand that some families are not able to access an electronic copy of the newsletter. If you require a printed copy of the newsletter, please contact the office and arrange to have a newsletter delivered to your child’s classroom. Please be aware that printed copies of the newsletter cannot be arranged through classroom teachers.

**P and C News**

Welcome to Gosford Public School to all our new students and families and welcome back to all our returning students and families.

Gosford Public School P & C meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month during term time at 7.30pm in the Chapman Room. All are welcome

During the last year P & C have provided funding for the air-conditioning at our new school, K-2 fixed equipment, home readers, curtains for the hall, awards at presentations day and many other resources to assist our students and teachers.

Membership is just 50c for the year so come along and have a vote and meet other parents.

P and C is always looking for volunteers in our canteen and uniform shop if you have some spare time, just come into the canteen and see Joy or Nena.

To place items on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting, email to The Secretary at  [gosfordpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:gosfordpspandc@gmail.com), or in writing to the school office addressed to The Secretary P & C. by the 20th February 2015 3pm.

**Next meeting is 25th February 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Chapman Room.**

All welcome, light supper provided.
Welcome back! The canteen still requires volunteers so please come in and see us if you can spare some time.

Roster

Monday 9 February - Glenda
Tuesday 10 February - Janee
Wednesday 11 February - Jennifer
Thursday 12 February - HELP NEEDED
Friday 13 February - HELP NEEDED

Uniform Shop News

Uniform shop is open Thursdays 2.15pm till 3.30pm in the Chapman Room. CASH or CHEQUE only.

There are several methods to order your students uniform for your convenience.

Directly purchased from the Uniform Shop - opening time and location as above.

Orders can be placed online at Munch Monitors
www.munchmonitor.com

Orders and payment may also be placed in the uniform shop box located in the school office. Orders will then be delivered to the student by the end of the week, please ensure sizes and number of items required are clearly indicated on the order form.

Coordinators would like to thank Suzanne, Amber, Jennifer and Emily for giving up their time to help in uniform shop on the 27th January, their assistance was much appreciated.

The starter packs for R5G and Year 5 OC 2015 are now discontinued.

Wendy and Helen

Uniform Coordinators.
Welcome back to the start of a new and exciting term in the library!

**Borrowing and Library Bags**
Library lessons start this week with years 1 - 6 being able to borrow. Please remember that children will not be allowed to borrow without a Library bag. Library bags ensure that our beautiful library books stay looking at their very best, and protect them from damage. If your child does not have a library bag, they can be purchased from the library or the school uniform shop for $10. Alternatively, your child may ring a library bag of their own choosing from home, however please keep in mind that library bags that are water proof (or at least water resistant) are preferred.

Kindergarten will be allowed to borrow in week 4. This allows for children to get settled into school, obtain a library bag, and learn the correct handling of books and the correct procedures for borrowing before they take books home. We are extremely excited to be meeting our new kindergarten students this week!

**Library opening hours**
The library is open every day at 1st half of first break for children to visit. During this time, children are able to play board games with their friends, read books, borrow, research for assignments, and gain assistance from the school librarian.

**Story-time**
'Story-time' is a new and exciting program that our library is very proud of. Story-time involves our elder students in the school taking on a leadership role and reading a variety of enriching picture books to our younger readers during the lunchtime break. Children benefit not only from having somewhere quiet and engaging to go during the lunchtime break, but also from hearing someone read to them, watching other children engage with the story, and being exposed to a wide variety of different authors, illustrators and writing styles. Our senior students also benefit from the program, as taking part not only requires them to demonstrate a wide range of skills, but also by their participation, increases their skill base (and confidence to display these skills) immensely.

Story-time runs every Thursday and Friday in the library at 2nd half of 1st break. If your child would like to participate in the program and become one of our readers for story time (years 5 and 6 only please), then please send them to see Mrs Frost who would love to have them on board!

**Book club**
Book club has changed a little this year. Book club goes home this week and will have a note attached that outlines the new online payment and ordering system.

Whilst we are happy to receive orders in ANY format, we would like to encourage parents to use the online or APP systems as much as possible in order to minimize the amount of time spent on book club organisation.

Please remember that whilst orders can be placed online AFTER the due date, these orders will incur a $5 delivery fee and will be sent to your home address NOT to the school. Orders sent to the school rather than being done online MUST be in before the due date otherwise they are not able to be accepted.

Please look out for the note attached to your book club pamphlets this week, (and keep it in a safe place for reference later) as it outlines the changes and details step-by-step how to order online or through the app. This ‘How-to guide’ can also be found on the school website and through the school app or by popping into the library to grab a copy.

Please note that book club will be coming to you TWICE A TERM this year. So keep an eye out for it in your child’s school bag.

A massive thank you to Mrs Ross, who has once again volunteered to help out with this years book club ordering.

**Library Volunteers**
We are ALWAYS looking for more parent helper volunteers in the library to help us out with things like Book club and the covering of books. If you would like to help out this year, please come and see Mrs Frost or Mrs Harpur in the library who would be very excited to have you help out.
Library Monitors

Congratulations to these students who have been successful in gaining one of our Library Monitor positions for the year. We look forward to working with you!
6C – Tamika, Bethwyn, Gabrielle, Bridie
5R – Yasmine, Kiah, Eliza, Viola, Katie, Oliha
5M – Anastacia, Aneisha, Erika, Maikiira, Montana, Mackenzie, Tara, Arya, Brianna, Zoe, Angus, Li Ting, Arabella
6L – Charlotte, Hailey, Emily, Bianca,
6B – Shulong, Lilianna, Yoonseo, Felicity, Amy
6S – Lila, Aasha
4/5N – Lily, Hailey, Helena, Samara

That’s it from the library! As you can see, it’s already becoming a busy and exciting year!

Looking forward to seeing you all in the library!

Mrs Frost and Mrs Harpur

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Yr 6 SUPER SELECTIVE TRIAL TEST COURSE

James An College offers an intensive Selective Trial Test course for all year 6 students who are going for the NSW Selective Test in March 2015. The Course focuses on the Subjects of English, Mathematics, General Ability and Writing. It is a 45 weeks (Only 4 weeks left) intensive course with subject:

- SEM (Selective English and Mathematics) 3hrs 2x40min tests
- SWS (Selective Writing Skills) 1.5hrs 20min test
- SGA (Special General Ability) 2hrs 40min test

A total of 138 sessions and a combination of 10000 questions (including homework questions)!

Each week, students will sit a test and a professional teacher will explain every question in the test paper. For each subject, students will be expected to complete a unit of homework before the weeks lesson begins.

Through these courses, students will develop an advanced level of writing skills, mathematical abilities and problem solving techniques necessary to give them an advantageous position over others in the Selective High School Placement Test.

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FINAL REVISION

★ Date : Saturday 7 March 2015
★ Time : 10am – 4pm
★ Apply by : Saturday 28 February 2015
◆ Test papers are not available outside of this course.
   (Parents/guardians will not have access to papers.)

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Saturday 7th February
West Gosford McDonalds & Wyoming Shopping Centre 10am – 2pm
Saturday 15th February
Wyoming McDonalds & Gosford Showground 10am – 2pm
Saturday 22nd February
West Gosford McDonalds & Wyoming Shopping Centre 10am – 2pm
Saturday 29th February
Wyoming McDonalds & Gosford Showground 10am – 2pm

Not sure about playing rugby? Come along to our “Come & Try” Nights on Friday 20th & 27th February from 5-6pm at the Gosford Showground.

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Andrew – 0417 288 445
or
Kate – 0411 094 859

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Values Education – ‘You Can Do It!’

In 2015 Gosford Public School will be implementing the ‘You Can Do It!’ (YCDI) program. YCDI focuses on developing the social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful. At GPS, we believe that students should experience success not only in their learning, but in positive relationships, developing a sense of well-being and being able to make a positive contribution to others and the community (good citizenship).

The 5 foundation values of YCDI are:
1. Resilience
2. Confidence
3. Persistence
4. Organisation, and
5. Getting Along

Confidence

**Confidence** means ... feeling I can do it. Confidence also means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new.

**Examples of Confidence**
- Chooses to participate in new or difficult activities
- Does hard work without asking for help
- Speaks in a clear voice so can be heard
- Tries problems and answers questions when not sure of answer.
- Starts conversations

Persistence

**Persistence** means ... trying hard and not giving up when something feels like it’s too hard to do.

**Examples of Persistent Behaviour**
- continuing to try even when schoolwork is hard
- not being distracted by others
- checking my work when I am finished to make sure it’s correct.
- completing assignments on time
Organisation

Organisation means...
setting a goal to be successful, planning my time so that I’m not rushed, and having all my supplies ready.

• Examples of Organised Behaviour
  
  • making sure I understand my teacher’s instructions before I begin work
  • having all my school supplies ready
  • having a neat desk and school bag so I can find everything
  • planning when I’m going to do my homework so I have enough time

Getting along

Getting Along means...
working well with my classmates, solving conflicts peacefully, being sensitive to the feelings of others, being respectful, and helping make my community a better place to live and learn

• Examples of Getting Along
  
  • working well with my classmates
  • listening and not interrupting when someone else is speaking
  • talking rather than fighting when someone treats me unfairly
  • following important classroom rules
  • helping others in need
Resilience

Resilience means...
When faced with difficult and challenging situations and people, being able to:

- stop getting extremely angry, down, or worried,
- control my behaviour when I am very upset,
- calm down within a reasonable period of time
- bounce back to work and play.

Each child will have their own *YCDI* student reward booklet kept in the classroom.
Students will aim to collect 5 stickers for each of the 5 foundation values (resilience, confidence, persistence, organisation and getting along). When all 25 stickers are collected, the student will receive a **BRONZE YCDI CERTIFICATE** (given out in class).

Students then work toward a **SILVER CERTIFICATE** (given out in Stage Assemblies).
Next, students work toward a **GOLD PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATE** given out in K - 6 Assembly by the Principal. **Parents will be invited to attend this assembly**.
Students who reach the Gold Principal Certificate level may continue on the program and work toward receiving a **You Can Do It! Lorikeet Legend badge** (the rainbow lorikeet has been adopted as GPS YCDI image/mascot).

Students may wear this badge each day. The badge identifies them to other students and school staff as students who have **achieved excellence in all 5 foundation values**. These children will enjoy extra privileges and responsibilities. Students can continue to wear their YCDI badge the following year, as they continue to model excellent behaviour to their classmates. **Lorikeet Legend** students can work toward a new YCDI badge each year. Some students may obtain multiple badges in their time at GPS.

At the end of each term students will take home a **STUDENT REFLECTION** page. Parents will be informed about their child’s progress and what foundation value/s their child is striving to apply.

**Values Education Committee**