Reminder: Indigenous students PLP meetings 16 March
Panel training for members of the Indigenous community. Contact Liz Sprague

Road Safety Reminders
Last week I issued another reminder about taking particular care when driving within our school zone. Council rangers were present at our school last week on three consecutive days at peak times. Along with the rangers, myself and Mr Francis we monitored the area along Faunce St West. Whilst we were generally pleased last week that motorists adhered to the parking and traffic regulations it is important for the safety of our students that this be maintained.

The 'Kiss & Drop’ zone I believe can work more efficiently so that the traffic flows freely even at the busiest time, especially from 2:50pm until 3:05pm. The last 2 weeks I have been supervising the 'skillion area' outside of our office and asking that siblings sit together and that all children keep a sharp eye out for their parent’s car. With a teacher on the footpath supervising I have been able to send the children up to the car to save the parents having to either wait for the child/children to recognise their car or to exit their car to collect their children (effectively breaching the traffic regulation that states “The driver, however, must stop for no longer than 2 minutes and if they need to remove themselves from the vehicle must remain within 3 metres of it”).

Timing the pick-up is important for traffic flow and I have noted that from about 3:05pm to 3:15pm the 'Kiss and Drop' zone has many more vehicle places available. Please ensure that unless an emergency situation arises that all students should be collected no later than 3.15pm.

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Congratulations Miss Henry
This year we have welcomed Learning and Support teacher, Miss Henry to our school in a temporary role to provide valuable support role for our students. Miss Henry was recently successful in gaining a permanent position at Northlakes High School as the Learning and Support teacher and will commence in this role at the beginning of Term 2 of this year. I congratulate Miss Henry and wish her well in her new position.
We are fortunate to have Mrs Ansell and Mrs Sprague willing to extend their current roles to cover Miss Henry’s position for the rest of 2015.

150 Year Sesquicentenary Celebrations
We are currently seeking sponsors for our 150 Year Sesquicentenary book. Please contact our office if your family or business would like to sponsor a page. For families and ‘Not-for-Profit’ organisations it will cost $20 to sponsor a page and ‘for Profit’ organisations it will cost $100 to sponsor a page. To pre-order the limited edition 150 Year Sesquicentenary book please pay $30 to our office.
And don’t forget that the bricks salvaged from our former site are to be incorporated in our Commemorative Garden and are now for sale. They will be a feature in our garden landscaping, complete with you or your family’s name attached to an engraved plaque. They are $30 each or $50 for a brick and a commemorative book.
Find out more about our 150 Year celebration activities by viewing our Gosford Public School app, website and Facebook page.

COMING UP
Thursday March 12: Selective High School placement test for current Year 6 students. Parents or carers MUST have previously completed and submitted applications and received notification.
Thursday March 12: Parent/Community Tutor Training. Parents, carers, family and community members receive free training to support our students. Not only do the students benefit but as a tutor it can be a highly rewarding experience.
Wednesday March 25: YOU CAN DO IT! Parent Information Session in the Chapman Room (2:15pm to 2:50pm). Hear from our ‘YOU CAN DO IT!’ committee as they explain such things as the 5 Foundation Values, the Catastrophe Chart and hear from some of our Stage 1 students as they sing the ‘YOU CAN DO IT!’ song.

Best Wishes
John Anderson

Learning and Support teacher Mrs Ansell hard at work providing specific intensive support for our students

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Year 7 2016 Wyong High School – IT Selective Class
Applications are once again open for Year 6 students to apply for Wyong HS 2016 Year 7 Selective Information Technology Class. If you would like further information about this program please contact Mr. Francis on 4349-3600 and ask for an Information Sheet and an Application Form.

GPS HISTORICAL FACT

The Catholic Chapel Hall was the first site for Gosford Public School. The Catholic Chapel is no longer in its original position, as in 1884, the land was reclaimed for the construction of the railway and the Catholic Chapel was relocated.

However, planning for a new school in Gosford had already begun in 1872. But it wasn’t until 1875 when overcrowding became a problem, due to the closure of another local school, that the construction of a permanent “Public School House” started to become a reality.

In 1876, the Foundation Stone was laid for what is often referred to as "The School on the Hill". Gosford Public School was relocated in 1877 to Georgiana Terrace into the sandstone building that now remains as part of the TAFE.

By 1878 the average daily attendance was 70 pupils and the following year Gosford became a Town.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

The internet is an amazing advance in Technology; whatever did we do before Google? However, young children must be taught how to navigate this new world safely. At Gosford Public School, the students participate in age appropriate computer lessons where they are explicitly taught Digital Citizenship skills, which are developed and reinforced when technology is accessed within their classrooms and in the computer lab. From as early as Kindergarten, the students are taught to protect their personal information whilst online. Personal information includes any information that can be used to identify them, including:

- full name
- address
- phone numbers
- school
- date of birth
- email address
- username and password
- bank details.

It is important to know how personal information is used. Some websites require users to create an account to access content or games, requiring a certain amount of personal information to be given. Before giving out personal information is it essential to read the "Terms and Conditions", this will notify you of what the company plans to do with your personal information. Some websites sell your personal information to marketing companies (3rd parties) and individuals may receive promotional spam emails which can be difficult to stop. Minimise your risk of spam by limiting who has your email address and installing spam filtering software.

Jodie McCabe
Technology Coordinator
We have a very large multicultural population at Gosford Public School and we strive to make each day a harmonious one. Friday 20 March is a symbolic day when we remember the importance of having an understanding and tolerance of others around us. Some of our celebrations will be on going throughout the year.

The Canteen has a special Multicultural Lunch for the day as well.

Multicultural Homework Support Group

Thank you to all who came to the meeting yesterday.

Next Monday 16 March we will be looking at ES1 (Kinder), Stage1 (Years 1 and 2).

Meet outside the Chapman Room at 3pm to be taken to 1S room. A big thank you to Miss Shelton who will be conducting the session.

Jan Hinton
EALD Teacher

Uniform Shop News

Uniform shop is open Thursdays 2:15 - 3:30pm in the Chapman Room.

Orders can be placed via Munch Monitors or the Uniform Shop box in the office foyer. All items ordered will be packed and delivered on Thursday to the child’s class. Exchanges are welcome if you have your receipt, items are in original condition with all tags and labels still attached.

We have some second hand items for sale ranging in price from $1.00 to $5.00.

P & C News

Next P & C Meeting is 25 March 2015 at 7:30pm in the Chapman Room.

Any items for the agenda need to be to the Secretary by Friday 21 March 2015.

P & C email address gosfordpspandc@gmail.com

All welcome, light supper provided.

Monday 16 March - William

Tuesday 17 March - Tanee

Wednesday 18 March - Jennifer

Thursday 19 March - HELP NEEDED

Friday 20 March - Lanssa, Mariko
Harmony Day Menu

Australia - sausage sandwich with sauce $2

Japan - chicken or tuna sushi $1

Mexico - nachos with sour cream $3.50

Italy - spaghetti bolognaise with garlic bread $3.50

China - vegetarian fried rice $2

Artists Wanted

Can you help the students of Gosford Public School?

We are looking for local artists willing to volunteer their time and share their expertise to work with our students in their classrooms to create unique works of art. These artworks will be displayed in the GPS gallery on the day of our 150th Commemorative Fair.

If you or someone you know is available to help anytime throughout Term 2 and/or Term 3, please contact the school.

Thank you,
Art Show Committee.

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OPERATION ART 2015  K- 6

Closing Date: Friday 24th April 2015 (end of Week 1)

Two pieces of art will be selected by the school to be submitted to Operation Art.

Please give entries to Mrs Barnfield

Every school in New South Wales is invited to participate in Operation Art 2015, an initiative of The Children’s Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education and Communities. The Operation Art program provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Why participate?

- All artworks framed and exhibited at Sydney Olympic Park.
- 10,000 visitors view the exhibition.
- 150 works are selected for further exhibition opportunities including 50 selected for a tour series and then given to the Children’s Hospital at Westmead.
- Gives students real purpose for their artmaking - creating art to help children in hospital.
- Start your own gallery at school when the framed works are returned to you.
- Provide broader public recognition for your creative students.
- All students receive printed certificates, invitations and catalogues.
- Come and be treated like a star artist at the Sydney Olympic Park opening day event.

Conditions of entry

- **Theme:** Cheerful and uplifting works appropriate for display in hospitals.
- **Size:** Minimum A4 (30 x 21cm), maximum A2 (42 x 60 cm), depth maximum 5mm

Students may use a variety of media and materials when creating works for submission to Operation Art. All entries must be 2D forms.

Categories: Drawing, Painting, Mixed Media, Printmaking, Photography, Fibre, Electronic

For further information

How it Happens

All submitted works will be professionally framed and exhibited at the Armory Gallery Sydney Olympic Park opening on Saturday 5 September 2015.

Students, families, principals and teachers will be invited to attend the official opening.

50 works will be selected to become part of the permanent art collection of The Children’s Hospital at Westmead. These selected works will also be exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW later in 2015 and tour regional art galleries across NSW the following year.

An additional 60 works will also be selected for Operation Art Bank. These will be presented to the children’s ward of a country hospital.

Other works will also be selected to hang in the offices of The NSW Commission for Children and Young People in Sydney, The NSW Office of the Children’s Guardian, The Royal Commission and at regional Department of Education and Communities offices. All of these works will later become part of Operation Art Bank for presentation to country hospitals.
Many thanks to parents who have already ordered book club online using the online ordering system. These orders will be processed with the others the day after the closing date of this Thursday the 12th March, with orders arriving a week or so later. Many thanks to Mrs Ross who volunteers her time every issue to ensure that the orders are placed in a timely fashion. Thank you!

Please remember: Order forms / receipt numbers do NOT need to be sent through to the school when using the LOOP online website or app as this will result in double-ordering.

Many thanks to Viola SR, Zoe SM, Yasmine SR, Angus SM, and Olina SR who did a fabulous job reading stories to our juniors during story time this week. It was wonderful to see so many students in the library enjoying our wonderful picture books. Our readers this week definitely displayed our school value of ‘Confidence’ as some of them overcame their fears of reading in public to perform beautifully in front of our crowd. Well done to all of our fabulous readers this week!

‘Story Time’ runs in the library every Thursday and Friday at 2nd half of 1st break.

Just a reminder.
The Premier’s Reading Challenge can be accessed via the DET Portal or directly via the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/. Students will need to select ‘Logon’ on the left side menu and then use their existing DEC username and password (the one they use to get into their portal or the school internet and computers) to logon.
If you have any trouble logging on or you do not know your username or password, please come and see Mrs Frost or Mrs Harpur in the Library who will be happy to help you out. Books read from 1 September 2014 count towards the 2015 Challenge.
Some ways you can help your child to be successful in the challenge:

• Make sure you student knows their logon. This will be the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school.
• Listen to your child read and talk about the story/ characters/ information. Read to or with your child if she/he is participating in the K-2 Challenge.
• Help your child to log on and add books to her/his Student Reading Record regularly.
Check your child’s Challenge history – log on to the website, go to Student Reading Record and select tab My Information. If Challenge participation at a previous school is not listed, contact your child’s PRC coordinator.

Contact your child’s PRC coordinator if:
- Your child has any difficulty using her/his logon details to access the PRC website.
- You are concerned that your child’s details are incorrect on the PRC website.

In the final weeks of the Challenge, log on regularly to the website to check the status of your child’s reading record. Contact your child’s PRC coordinator if you are concerned your child’s reading record has not been validated.

Thank you for your support and happy reading!
Many thanks to the Hartley and Ferrier family for their generous donation of books for the library.

Mrs Kayla Frost and Mrs Christine Harpur
Teacher Librarians

How RU travelling?

Stage 3 students will be doing a new health activity in class this term called How RU travelling?

This is a one week activity to support your child to make the following healthy lifestyle choices:

- Active travel to school by walking /catching the bus/riding a bike
- Eating fruit/vegetables/drinking water for Crunch&Sip® fruit break at school each day
- Eating vegetables (aim for 5 serves each day)
- Being physically active (aim for at least 60 minutes each day)
- Limiting screen time (time spent on computers/smartphones/tablets/watching TV) – aim for no more than 2 hours each day.

Each student will receive a card to record their progress. We encourage you to support your child by helping them with these healthy choices, and signing their card at the end of the week.

Thank you for your support.

Newsletter snippet provided by
Central Coast Health Promotion Service.
YOU CAN DO IT! Parent Information Session

When: Week 9, Term 1, Wednesday 25th March
Time: 2.15 to 2.50pm
Where: Chapman Room

• Stage 1 Choir will perform: “You Can Do It” song


• Overview of the ‘You Can Do It’ program and Gosford Public School student achievement program (student award YCDI booklets)
• Values Education/YCDI section on the school website
• ‘Catastrophe Chart’ and the ‘Emotional Thermometer’
• YCDI brochure

Look forward to seeing you at the information session.
Mrs Bianchi and Mrs McCabe
**Lorikeet Legend Award Winners**

This week Mr Anderson received visits from four students who have collected 10 Lorikeet Legends:
- Mahli 1/2B
- Serena 1/2B
- Jasmine 1C
- Mahtab 1C

These students have been recognised by teachers in the playground or in class for keeping the school rules and displaying the 'You Can Do It' foundation values. Each student redeemed their 10 Lorikeet Legend cards for a book. The books will be presented to the students by Mr Anderson, during the whole school Monday morning assembly in week 8.

Well done, Mahli, Serena, Jasmine and Mahtab.

Mrs Bianchi and Mrs McCabe

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**Yr 6 FINAL REVISION**

for the NSW Selective Test in March 2015

- 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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**Yr 5 SUPER SELECTIVE TRIAL TEST COURSE**

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. It is a 45 weeks Intensive course (9/03/2015 – 28/02/2016) 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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