MEDICAL ALERT

Please be aware that we have recently received information that one of our students has a confirmed case of whooping cough (Pertussis).

For further information regarding signs and symptoms please see attached ‘factsheet’ from the NSW Department of Education.

YOU CAN DO IT!

It has been very pleasing to see the number of students visiting my office to receive positive recognition for their YOU CAN DO IT and LORIKEET LEGENDS efforts.

Mrs Davies is keeping busy printing inscriptions for the book rewards for students who collect their ten Lorikeet Legends. We also had so many bronze level ‘You Can Do It’ recipients at last Friday’s assembly that we have had to carry some presentations over to the next assembly!

Mrs Bianchi and Mrs McCabe’s coordination of this whole school program is to be commended. I believe that the excellent behaviour I see on a consistent basis can be to a significant degree attributed to the lessons taught around the foundation values of: Getting Along, Resilience, Persistence, Confidence and Organisation. The reinforcement and importance of these values at home is also not to be underestimated.

NAPLAN

Well done to our Year 3 and 5 students who last week were assessed in the NAPLAN tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Individual student NAPLAN reports will be sent to the school in the second part of Term 3 (mid-August to mid September). The school retains a copy and parents/carers will also receive a copy. Parents/carers can use this
information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents/carers may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers.

The administration and collation of the tests is a significant undertaking. I thank Mr Francis, Miss Metters, Mrs Newton, Mrs Sprague, Mrs Ansell, Year 3 and 5 teachers and Support staff for their work to ensure everything went smoothly.

More information is available at: www.nap.edu.au/information/faqs/naplan--results-reports-performance.html#

150 YEAR SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Last week at our School Promotions committee meeting I was excited to hear of the plans in place for the 150 Year Commemorative Fair to be held at our school on Saturday October 17. It promises to have something for everyone with a special reunion assembly and morning tea, the opening of the Commemorative Garden, Artastic, rides for children, the opening of our new mural and a GPS history display. So please SAVE THE DATE—17 OCTOBER!

A reminder that our reclaimed bricks from the former site are selling steadily so I advise you to be quick to order a brick/s for your family to avoid disappointment. They will be a feature in our new Commemorative Garden and come 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.

I would also like to remind everyone that 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.

Find out more about our 150 Year celebration activities by looking at our Gosford Public School app, website and Facebook page.

This week’s historic article concerns the opening of Gosford Public School at the Mann Street site in 1954. I would like to thank our Technology Coordinator and School Promotions team member, Mrs McCabe for her research and compilation of our information historic articles.

KISS AND DROP ZONE

Staffs on afternoon duty in the ‘Kiss and Drop’ zone are grateful for the majority of parents who display a NAME CARD. The system is working very smoothly now and combined with the portable speaker system trialled last week the NAME CARDS proved very helpful for student’s prompt transition to their parent’s vehicle.

If you collect your child from Faunce Street West (even irregularly) and you do not have a NAME CARD you can request a one by contacting the school (Ph.43493600) and providing the office staff with your child/ren’s names.

Best wishes
John Anderson

Family Invoices

This year invoices will be sent home during week 6. Please ensure your student’s mailing address is current as invoices will be sent home by mail.
The school invoices families to assist with the day-to-day to accounting practices which are outlined by the Department of Education.

If there are any problems with any of the invoices received, please contact Jenny in the school office on 4349 3600 or by email at gosford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Invoices will also show outstanding amounts which should have been paid out last year under payment agreements entered into with families. Please honour these agreements by finalising these items.

Please note: The voluntary contribution is invoiced to every child. The school is grateful to receive any amount families can afford. The contribution is voluntary.

Wendy Powe
School Administration Manager

HISTORICAL FACT

Gosford Primary School on Mann Street was opened on the 5 June 1954 by Dr HS Wyndham at 2pm. The school was open for inspection with visitors remarking on “the modern features of the classrooms, in particular, the harmonious colour schemes and the green chalk boards”.

The school was very segregated, boys and girls entered the building at different ends through the double doors in A Block and there was a line painted on the ground in the playground that the girls and boys weren’t allowed to cross.

At the end of 1954 despite a “new and modern” school in Gosford being opened, there still remained a pupil population vs accommodation problem. With 800 students enrolled and only 14 new classrooms, where 20 were needed. The temporarily built wooden portables had to remain in use due to classroom shortages and these were still used up until the school moved to its current site in Faunce Street West in 2014.

Classes were much larger than they are today. Classes often had up to 48 students with only 1 teacher! Students sat in rows, at separate tables and chairs made from timber with hinged tops and a hole for an ink well in the top. There were coke stoves for heating to ensure warmth on a cold day. The staff were also kept separate in infants and primary department staffrooms.

The school canteen opened in 1955.

By the 1960’s school enrolment once again soared and the church across the road was rented for classrooms. In 1963 Co-Education was discussed.
Chess News

Chess is a fun and creative game that can challenge the minds of children and teach the importance of planning and the consequences of decisions. It can further teach how to concentrate, how to win and lose gracefully, how to think logically and efficiently, and how to make tough and abstract decisions under pressure and solve problems flexibly.

This year Gosford Public School has two competitive teams in the NSW Junior Chess League tournament in the Championship division where they have been competing against the strongest teams from schools all over the Central Coast. This week both teams travelled to Green Point Christian College for round 3 of the competition. Both teams are off to a great start in the tournament and have been excellent representatives our school.

Our skilful chess team members are:
Team A – Mitchell, Mason, Byron, Pranav, Jai and Mason.
Team B – Huxley, Shulong, Hayden, Doori, Max and Paul.

Thank you also to our parent volunteers: John Ellis, Julie Song, Joanne Pilkington and Beata Biala who transport our teams to their matches each fortnight. Chess would not be possible without your invaluable support!

Chess club meets every Tuesday during Break 1 in Miss Casamento’s classroom. New players are always most welcome.

Miss Casamento
Chess Co-ordinator

P and C News

Next P and C Meeting 27 May 2015 @ 7:30 pm in the Chapman Room. Come along, only 50c membership for the year. All welcome.

Light supper provided.

Canteen

Roster

Monday 25 May - Michael
Tuesday 26 May - Janene
Wednesday 27 May - Judy
Thursday 28 May - Danielle
Friday 29 May - HELP NEEDED!
Do you need time to zone out? Are you often hanging around the school or in your car in the afternoon waiting for your kids to arrive? Do you have half an hour here and there of an afternoon when it’s not quite long enough to start a new job but just that little bit too long to sit and do nothing? Then...WE NEED YOU!

We are currently seeking some volunteers that can help us to cover our library books. You don’t need any skills, and if you are scarred by years of trying to cover your school books that were left all bubbly and wrinkled don’t worry! We use good contact so it’s very easy!

We currently have a Book covering group that meet in the library at 2:15pm every Tuesday. Book coverers are also welcome any time after 1:35pm on Thursdays and 1:05pm on Fridays. If you would like to help out but these times don’t suit you please let us know and we will find a time to suit. All welcome!!

Many thanks to Samara 4/5N, Amy 5B, Katie 5R and Olina 5R who did a wonderful job reading to our Story Time listeners this week! The sessions were much enjoyed by all and our readers did a wonderful job displaying our school values of confidence and Getting Along! Well done to these students!

After a discussion on Getting Along and the importance of teamwork, 3L students wrote about teamwork.

This is what Darcy wrote:

Team, that’s what 3L is, a team.

Teamwork is important to many people, like soccer players and astronauts. If they didn’t use teamwork they wouldn't achieve goals. Soccer players need teamwork or they wouldn't win soccer games and if they did, they might win the world cup. Astronauts need to use teamwork because if the rocket had something wrong with it they could work together to fix the rocket.

TEAM - together - everyone - achieves - more. If there was no such thing as teamwork the world would be a terrible place to live in because everyone in the world would fight.
I love being part of 3L’s team because everyone works together all of the time. The do’s of teamwork are help others with things and don’t hurt the other students. The don’ts of teamwork are physical violence and teasing.

Great writing Darcy!

Mrs Bianchi & Mrs McCabe
Coordinators of YCDI
Gosford Tennis Centre

The Gosford Tennis Centre offers a host of exciting programs for Junior’s and Adults to enjoy, and for all standard of players from Beginner to Elite.

Our all new Membership system caters for all your families tennis needs and begins for as little as $5 per week. Member benefits include Free Court hire, Coaching classes, Competitions, Member Prize Draws and much, much more.

The daily Program includes:
- Tennis Australia Hot Shots Program
- Group Lessons
- Private Lessons
- Competitions
- Tournament play
- A host of fun filled events
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Call to speak to our friendly staff on 43252921 or email us at info@gosfordtenniscentre.com.au

Join us at Gosford Tennis Centre and let the games begin!

Mastering spelling

Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

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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Food Allergy Week 17-23 May

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au