Welcome Back

It was great to see students return on Tuesday looking refreshed from their mid-year break.

As you can read in this edition of the newsletter, Term 3 promises to be a busy and exciting term. Teachers have been busy preparing the teaching and learning activities for this term and the School Promotions team continue to coordinate the exciting activities that will provide long lasting memories of our school’s sesquicentenary year.

I trust the term will be a happy and fulfilling one for students, staff and parents.

School Development Day

I appreciate parents and carers making alternative arrangements for their children last Monday whilst our teachers participated in their Term 3 School Development Day.

Our staff participated in a range of professional learning activities with staff from schools in the Gosford City Learning Community, Henry Kendall High School and Point Clare Public School. The main focus was on boy’s education and we were fortunate to have highly acclaimed educator, Dr Michael Auden present. Dr Auden led several workshops around the topic of greater engagement of boys within educational settings.

The keynote speaker’s address was presented by well-known media identity Jane Caro which was thought provoking and provided authenticity to the critical roles public schools play in the lives of their students and families.

Our final speaker was Liesl Tesch, a Central Coast public school teacher and six-time Paralympian. In today’s educational world where foundation values and skills such as ‘resilience’ and ‘persistence’ are regularly taught we are fortunate to have teachers such as Liesl working in our schools.

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Congratulations to Mrs Frost who late last term was successful at interview and obtained a permanent position as the teacher librarian at Niagara Park Public School. Mrs Frost has been a talented, creative and enthusiastic teacher at Gosford Public School for the past seven years and will be greatly missed by students and colleagues alike. We extend our very best wishes as she commences the next exciting stage of her teaching career. I appreciate Mrs Harpur’s offer to return as our full-time teacher librarian.

We welcome back Mrs Byrne who will share the teaching role with Miss Young on class 2Y. Additionally, as was reported last term, Miss Jordan will assume the teaching responsibilities for class 4/5N whilst Mrs Newton relieves as our Deputy Principal. Mr Francis has accepted the Relieving Principal position at Lisarow Public School for Term 3.

**Sesquicentenary**

This term I look forward to seeing our school community show their full support for our school sesquicentenary activities. As you can see in the photographs included in this edition of the newsletter, the construction phase of the Commemorative Garden commenced during the holidays. This project is being led and coordinated by Mrs Douglas and I appreciate the time she has dedicated to making it a permanent and impressive reminder of our sesquicentenary. I would also like to thank Robson Civil Projects and plant manager, Greg Ferguson, for assisting with the preliminary earthmoving and concreting stages of the project. As the bricklaying of our reclaimed bricks will occur soon I urge parents to consider purchasing their plaque and brick very soon.

This week Mrs Newton has organised with our school photographer, Master School Portraits, to take an aerial photograph of our students as they form the numerals ‘150’. This photograph will feature prominently in the history book that Mrs Newton is authoring for the sesquicentenary.

I also ask you to record the dates of our ‘Games-a-thon’ day (Tuesday 15 September) where students will participate in games played at school in yesteryear. All funds raised will contribute to the publishing of the history book and the commemorative garden.

The other key date to remember is the Community Fair on Saturday 17 October. We will have organised a reunion assembly and morning tea preceding the official opening of the fair. I encourage former students and staff to attend this special event. Following this activity will be a community fair where we will have something for everyone. This includes rides for children, the Artastic art show and markets among other activities.

**Parent/Teacher interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews will also take place next week for all classes. I encourage parents and carers to make every effort to attend an interview with their child’s class teacher within the designated time frame. Should that not be possible another time can be arranged by contacting the class teacher.

**Sporting Success**

Congratulations to our netball team who have progressed through to the next round of the State PSSA Knockout after a last round win against Lisarow Public School. Good luck as they prepare to play Kariong PS in the next game.

**Can You Help?**

Our school canteen is currently seeking additional volunteers. Thursday continues to be a day where the canteen is regularly short-staffed.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!
In Coming Weeks

Year 4 students electing to sit the Opportunity Class tests will do so on Thursday 23 July, at Gosford High School, starting at 9:30am. Good luck to all students from our school who are participating in this process.

Please feel welcome to join us on Wednesday 29 July at 7:30pm for our next P&C meeting in the Chapman Room.

John Anderson

Commemorative garden commenced!

The Puzzle Master's Apprentice for Stage 3 has been decided. Congratulations to Samantha of 6S. Individual class winners were Rachel 6S, Vivienne 5B, Lachlan 6L, Emily 5R, Li Ting 5M and Samantha 6C. Well done to everyone who participated. The Stage 2 competition starts in week 2.

K Hodgson
The Puzzle Master's Assistant
RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

1 - Kirra K/10 2 x Luna Park passes
2 - Abby - 4/5N $50 voucher Pit Stop Raceway
3 - Sahara 1C - $20 Hair and Beauty voucher @ Passions Hair and Beauty
4 - Jodie Marie Jackson - $10 voucher Jimmy G’s
5 - Keanu KS - 2 pool passes

A BIG THANK YOU to sponsors Jimmy G’s, Passions Hair and Beauty and Pit Stop Raceway for donation of raffle prizes!

Don’t forget to keep reading towards your Premier’s reading challenge award. You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 21 August to complete the challenge.
Remember to visit the booklist section of the Premier’s Reading Challenge Website at https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html to check the lists of books selected for the challenge OR search in the search box to see if titles you have currently read are listed.
If you are having trouble finding books for the challenge come and see us in the library and we would be more than happy to help you out.

We are still searching for volunteers to help us out by covering books. Any help is much appreciated, all welcome!

BOOK FAIR

Our Book fair will be open to Students, parents and community members on Wednesday 29 July 2015 between 8:30am and 3:30pm in our school library.
If you are not able to visit the fair, your child will have the opportunity to purchase books by themselves during school hours on Thursday 30 July 2015. Children can be sent with cash, cheques made out to Scholastic or credit card details written on their wish lists.
This is an exciting event that the students look forward to. The fair is a great chance to promote reading and a wonderful way of raising funds to purchase books for our library.
I look forward to meeting you at the fair.

Mrs Christine Harpur
Teacher librarian
You Can Do It!
ORGANISATION

During the first five weeks of term 3, Gosford Public school students will be learning about the foundation value of ORGANISATION. Below is a reference guide addressing the foundation value Organisation, written by Professor Michael Bernard (Founder of You Can Do It education).

**Definition of Organisation:**
Children who are organised plan to do their best in attempting new tasks and activities. They listen carefully to what their teachers and parents want them to do. Children who are organised use their time carefully by getting their work and chores done before they play. Organisation also means that children take care of their things and put things away where they belong after they are finished using them. They also try to be tidy and clean.

**Examples of Organised Behaviour in Your Child:**
- Before leaving home, he/she makes sure that everything he/she needs is in his/her backpack
- Carries his/her own bag
- Wants to do his/her best
- Listens carefully and follows instructions
- Gives important notes to teacher/parents
- Puts away toys at home
- Puts away supplies at school in the correct place
- Keeps a tidy desk

**Ways to Praise Your Child for Being Organised:**
- "You are really good at being on time."
- "I see you are organised. You put all your toys away."
- "Good for you. I can see you are trying your best."
- "You are really keeping your room tidy and organised."
- "Doesn’t it feel good to be organised?"

Mrs Bianchi & Mrs McCabe
Coordinators of YCDI
The Uniform Shop will be closed next week (Week 2) due to Parent Teacher interviews taking place in the Chapman Room.
Munch Monitor orders can still be placed online but won’t be able to be processed due to the Uniform Shop being inaccessible all week.
Uniform Shop will be back to normal the following week.

**Roster**

**Monday 20 July** - William

**Tuesday 21 July** - Janene

**Wednesday 22 July** - Jennifer

**Thursday 23 July** - HELP NEEDED

**Friday 24 July** - HELP NEEDED

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**Uniform Shop News**

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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.

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* Only including students enrolled for a minimum of 5 weeks.

# Free Assessment & Scholarship Test (Yr3 – Yr10)

– booking is essential

# Free Student Bag (for enrolled primary students)

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