Hospital Mural

Well done to Mrs Griffiths, students and art tutor Brad Wilkinson who have been working hard to produce a large mural depicting local vistas. This mural will be presented to Gosford Hospital management staff this Friday. It is intended for permanent display in the Children’s Ward.

Sporting Success

It was pleasing to see how well our netball team continues to play as they contest the initial rounds of the statewide PSSA netball knockout. Last Friday, the team played Kariong Public School in round 4 and won in what proved to be a very competitive game. Good luck to the team when they play the next round which will determine the Central Coast champions.

Mrs Wade deserves credit for making time to coach the girls and providing them with this great opportunity.

Sesquicentenary

Our Commemorative Garden is taking shape now that the brickwork has been completed. The reclaimed bricks and the foundation stone from the Mann Street school building provide a sense of our history. Once cleaned, the bricks will have the pre-purchased plaques adhered. So far over 150 individuals and families have a dedicated brick. There is still time to purchase one. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase a brick and plaque (Phone 43493600). Thank you to Ross Douglas and Robson Civil Projects for donating the skilled labour required to construct the impressive brick walls for our garden.
Mrs Newton is nearing completion of the Sesquicentenary manuscript for our 150 year history of Gosford Public School which will soon be sent to the publisher. It will be a great piece of memorabilia for our current families as Mrs Newton has ensured that current class photos and individual comments from students are included. Please contact the office should you wish to order a copy. I have previewed the book in draft form and commend the professional presentation, the thorough research and detailed information that has gone into the book.

I continue to ask assistance from our current school community members to inform any former students and staff about our reunion assembly and Community Fair on Saturday 17 October. As I mentioned last week Harvey Norman Erina (computer department) have kindly donated some great prizes for our Games-a-thon. All students who are able to gain sponsors for the Games-a-thon will go into the draw for these great prizes which includes a HP Stream Notebook. All prizes have a combined value of $550. We thank Harvey Norman Erina for their generous donation. Also, a weekly prize for a student who has commenced fundraising will be announced at an assembly. At last Friday's assembly class 3/4B were acknowledged as the leading class for fundraising so far and had the privilege of ‘reserved seating’ for the duration of Friday’s assembly. We also thank Bunnings West Gosford for their donation of 30 MDF sheets for use in the Art Show in our sesquicentenary celebrations.

Kindergarten 2016

Our office has commenced taking enrolments from parents and carers who have a child who is due to commence at Gosford Public School in kindergarten 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.

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.

Kindergarten transition program:
Parent information session Wednesday 9 September from 6:30pm
Children school visits every Tuesday for 6 weeks from 9:15am - 10:45am commencing 13 October and concluding on 17 November 2015. Total cost is $40 per child.

Best wishes

John Anderson

P & C Meeting Wednesday 26 August
Meeting commences at 7:30pm in the Chapman Room. Any agenda items need to be submitted by the Friday before the meeting to the P & C gmail account. All welcome. Light supper provided.

Puzzle Master

Last week’s winner was YoonJae from 4G. Well done to everyone for their efforts.

Mrs Hodgson
The Puzzle Master’s assistant

Central Coast Choral Festival Ticketing Information

Tickets for this year’s Central Coast Choral Festival at Mingara will go on sale soon. Unfortunately, Ticketek at Mingara has closed down and Mingara has not provided an alternative ticketing system for the festival to use. As such, the festival has had to source an external ticketing agency. Details of this agency will be sent to all schools shortly (once they have been confirmed) and will be forwarded to choir families in a letter through each school. A major change this year will be that tickets will ONLY be available for purchase ONLINE.
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There will be two performances for each show:
Matinee performance starting at 3.30pm - ticket cost $10 per ticket
Evening performance starting at 7pm - ticket cost $15 per ticket
Once information is sent to your school, we advise buying tickets early to avoid disappointment - they sell out fast!

HISTORICAL ITEM
Gosford Primary School on Mann Street was opened on the 5 June 1954. The school was open for inspection with visitors remarking on “the modern features of the classrooms, in particular, the harmonious colour schemes and the peaceful green chalk boards”.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS
Have you had trouble using the Gosford Public School Skoolbag App using Windows Phones? Skoolbag has just announced that an update is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg surface tablet, laptop, PC etc). This makes the app even more accessible than before, with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.
To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up “Skoolbag” in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find your school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen. Please note: You must be running at least Windows 8.1 on your device for the app to function.

Send Absentee Notes via the GPS Skoolbag App
The Skoolbag app has a number of features, one includes the ability to send an ‘Absentee Form’ when your child has missed a day of school (go to the eForms section to use this feature). Please note, if your child misses one...
day of school the ‘Away Start Date’ and Away Finish Date’ will be the same date (ie the day your child was absent). If your child was away for more than one day the ‘Away Start Date’ will be the 1st day of absence and the ‘Away Finish Date’ will be the last day of absence.

Keeping up-to-date with GPS news and events is easy ... use the Skoolbag app, Facebook or our school website.

Jodie McCabe
Technology Coordinator

Roster

Monday 17 Aug - William
Tuesday 18 Aug - Janene
Wednesday 19 Aug - Jennifer
Thursday 20 Aug - HELP NEEDED!!
Friday 21 Aug - Mariko, Larrisa

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.

Courses

| Primary Regular Course (K-Yr6) | English, Maths, General Ability, Reading & Writing |
| Intensive High School (Yr7-Yr10) | English, Maths, Science, Essay Writing |
| HSC Course | English, Maths(2U, Ext1, Ext2), Physics, Chemistry |
| Opportunity Class Preparation | English, Maths, General Ability, Writing & Classic Reading |
| Selective School Preparation | SEM – English & Maths, |
| Scholarship Preparation | SGA - General Ability |
| | SWS - Creative Writing |

| Subjects |
| English, Maths, General Ability, Creative Writing |

* 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)

Enquire (02) 4300 0167