Help wanted

As we prepare for the second half of Term 3 our School Promotions team are busy ensuring that all is in readiness for the **Community Fair** at the end of Week 2, Term 4 (**17 October**). Our School Promotions team are responsible for the organisation of the school’s sesquicentenary celebration activities. **Miss Smith**, the team leader, sent a note home last week seeking items for the white elephant stall and a request for parent and community volunteers to assist our organising team **prior** to the Community Fair with:

- The white elephant drive
- Cake stall coordination
- Obtaining donations from businesses
- Selling raffle tickets, etc

**And on the day of the Fair assist with….**

The more volunteers (even for **an hour or two** on the day) the greater will be the success. We expect many of our current and past families and staff will be present on the day. I see it as an ideal opportunity to show what...
a large school community can do when as a collective we all do our bit to help. You can indicate your intention to volunteer simply by filling in the form that was sent home, downloading it from our website or phoning our office (43493600).

I continue to request assistance from our current school community members to please inform any former students and staff about our reunion assembly and morning tea commencing at 10:00am in the school hall on Saturday 17 October. Special coloured ribbons are being organised to indicate the decade that you were at the school to make it easier to catch up with former peers and colleagues.

Commemorative Garden working bee

In the next couple of weeks we hope to have the paving of the school’s commemorative garden completed by Simon Head and employees from his company, Simply Foliage. Following this we will be ready to plant our native garden under the guidance of one of Australia’s leading native plant horticulturists, Angus Stewart. We would like our students and their families to be involved in this process to develop a sense of ownership and pride in the garden. Tentatively, we have set the afternoon of Saturday 12 September as the date for a working bee to plant the many plants that Angus has selected and organised for us. Confirmation of this, details of what to bring and the starting and finishing times will be promoted in the coming weeks.

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN

Results of this year’s National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be sent home shortly with students. I have no doubt that our staff and students’ hard work will be generally reflected in the progress of our students in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Writing. However it is important to remember that these results are a one-off snap shot of student achievement and progress. Whilst they are generally a good guide they are not always definitive. Should there be a distinct anomaly between the school’s mid-year and NAPLAN reports I encourage parents and carers to contact the class teacher for a more comprehensive assessment of student progress.

School Concert Band to contest State Championships

Good luck to our school concert band who have worked very hard with their tutors and Mr Dallinger to prepare for this Sunday’s State Band Championships to be held at Penrith. Band coordinator Mrs See has organised an early departure and Mrs Barnfield and myself will be on hand to support the students’ efforts. Whatever the result, it is widely acknowledged that we have an outstanding band and one that the school is very proud of.

Father’s Day Breakfast

If possible, please set aside Friday morning 4 September which is the date of the Father’s Day Breakfast at Gosford PS. Hopefully as in previous years we will have a large number of dads, granddads and step dads in attendance to enjoy a special time with the younger members of the family. The breakfast starts at 7:30am and concludes at 8:30am. Cooked and continental breakfast (eggs and bacon, fruit, muffins etc) will be available at $2 per head or maximum $5 per family. The junior choir will be performing at 8:30am.

This is a great chance for students to see dad or a significant family member at our school and show that they too value education and support our fantastic school.

Good Luck Athletes

Best wishes to our students who will represent Gosford PS in the District Athletics Carnival this coming Friday. I have no doubt that everyone will proudly represent their school as they strive to achieve their personal best results.

Thank you to Mr Lincoln for attending and coordinating our students’ participation at this representative event.

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.

P & C Meeting

Please note there has been a change to the commencement time for the next meeting on Wednesday 26 August. The meeting will now start at 7:00pm beginning with a staff presentation on the 150th Centenary of Gosford Public School. Hope we see you there.

Best wishes

John Anderson

Hospital Mural

Pictured is Mr Wilkinson, Mr Anderson, Mrs Griffiths and students at the presentation of a mural to Gosford Hospital. Well done Mrs Griffiths, students and Mr Wilkinson who worked very hard to produce this very large mural depicting local vistas. The mural will be on permanent display in the Children’s Ward.

Debating news

On Friday 14 August our debating team went to Dudley Public School to compete in the playoffs to make the finals. The Gosford Rabbitohs had a successful win and will now debate against Hamilton PS in the Premier Debating Challenge Finals. Well done team.
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**iTunes voucher winner**
This week’s winner of the iTunes voucher is **Kathryn** in class **6S**.
Last week’s winner was Sebin in class 3/4B.
**Congratulations!!**

**P & C Meeting Wednesday 26 August - time change**
Meeting commences at **7:00pm in the Chapman Room** with a staff presentation regarding the 150th Centenary celebration. 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 for the Stage 2 Puzzle Master’s competition was **Lakshay** in **4G**.

**Mrs Hodgson**
**The Puzzle Master’s assistant**

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**Confidence**
Knowing you will likely be successful at new things and not being afraid

*In our room, kids are ...*

- raising their hands to answer a difficult question
- trying hard work first before asking for help
- sharing an idea with the class or the teacher
- speaking up loudly and clearly in class
- participating positively and with a good attitude
- making mistakes without worrying about it then learning from them
- taking risks
- being independent
- accepting themselves
- using positive self-talk

**Ways of Thinking to Help You To Be Confident**
- I can do it—and it doesn’t matter if I make a mistake.
- I like trying something new.
- I don’t care what others think, I am going to have a go anyway.
- I think I’ll get this right.

YGDI Coordinators

*Mrs Bianchi & Mrs McCabe*
Congratulations to the students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Your lists have been validated and certificates will be sent to me later in Term 4. For those students who are still reading – you only have three days left. **You must complete your online Student Reading Record by Friday 21 August to complete the challenge.**

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who pop in to help in the library. We are happy for more volunteers come along to help us out by covering and re-shelving our books. Any help is much appreciated, any afternoon - all welcome!

*Mrs Christine Harpur*  
Teacher librarian

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**Trampolining success**  
Congratulations to sister and brother Miranda and Mitchel for their fabulous success at the Hunter Championships last Sunday.

Fantastic effort!!

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**Canteen Roster**

Monday 24 Aug - Michael  
Tuesday 25 Aug - Janene  
Wednesday 26 Aug - Judy  
Thursday 27 Aug - Danielle  
Friday 28 Aug - Rebecca, Amber
$779.87 raised through School Banking!

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our volunteer mum and student bankers we have raised $779.87 for our school through School Banking commissions for FY14-15. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Gosford!

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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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