Gosford Public School
Quality education in a nurturing, innovative learning environment

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Term 3 – Week 10

Dates to remember . . .

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Working Bee a Success
Last Saturday a successful working bee was held at the school to create the floral section of the Commemorative Garden. The landscaping had been recently completed by volunteer tradesmen and the planting of many native species of flora was an opportunity for our students and parents to contribute and feel a sense of ownership and pride.

Thank you to the staff and parents who volunteered their time along with horticulturists Angus Stewart and Jonathon Steed for assisting our students to plant and mulch the new garden.

The garden has already added much needed greenery and colour to our school and this will only increase as the plants grow to maturity.

Being a warm day, the refreshments were most welcome. They were the result of a combined effort from our office, Nena, one of our canteen coordinators and Stephen Thomas, our P&C President who was present on the day to organise the delicious food and cool drinks. The P&C also sponsored these refreshments.

After School Literacy Club
The last Tuesday of Term 3 saw the final day of the inaugural After School Literacy Club at Gosford Public School. This program has been offered to our students once a week for the past 20 school weeks.

What a tremendous opportunity this has been for our students! It was superbly organised by Regina Gilbert from the Smith Family. The success of the program was due to the great tutors who freely gave of their time and Miss Gately who volunteered each week to assist with supervision and also tutoring when required. The students really benefited from the one-on-one reading tuition and they looked forward to reading to their tutors. They were also pleasantly surprised to be rewarded with a new book for their efforts at the completion of the program.

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SASS Recognition Week
This week our school celebrates National Recognition Week for School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS). We are incredibly fortunate to have such a hardworking and caring group of SAS staff at Gosford Public School. Each and every school day, their efforts make a real difference to the lives of our students. Our full-time SAS staff consists of Mrs Wendy Powe, Mrs Janice Hillan, Mrs Lesley Davies and Mr Graham Harrison. Our temporary/part-time SAS staff are: Mrs Karen Morgan, Mrs Helen Talty, Mrs Helen Borthwick and Mr Ed Johnson. We also acknowledge the tireless work of our cleaning staff, Angela Daley, Ian Scarlett and Anastacia Bakopoulos.
The SASS team will be thanked at a special morning tea this week and by different activities organised by the teaching staff.
Thank you to everyone who assisted with this terrific program!

Kindergarten 2016
We are still 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.

Non Returning Students 2016
To assist us with planning for 2016, we would appreciate names of any students who may not be returning to Gosford Public School next year. Please contact the office by telephone or by email to notify us of any changes.
As this is the final newsletter for Term 3, I would like to thank our school community (teachers, students and parents/carers) for their combined efforts. As a result, we were able to successfully deliver a variety of learning and cross curricula opportunities.

I wish all students a safe and happy spring break and look forward to seeing classes resume on Tuesday October (Monday October 5 is a Public Holiday).

John Anderson
PRINCIPAL

Game-a-thon sneak peak!
**Successful Working Bee**

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**Silver Sausage Sizzle**

Last Friday, we had our very first ‘Silver Sausage Sizzle’! The children assembled in the hall with their tokens, where Mr Anderson praised their efforts for reaching such a high standard of behaviour. Afterwards, children enjoyed a lovely sausage sizzle lunch. Congratulations to these children! Thank you to Mr Harrison for cooking our lovely lunch and to all our helpers to serve it to the children.

A big thank you to The Meat Discounter Erina for the donation of sausages for our You Can Do It sausage sizzle. They were delicious!

Brooke Cohen, Katrina Bianchi, Jody McCabe & Lizzie Arena
Family Charity Walk

On Sunday 11th October please join in with a number of our wonderful teachers and myself who will be taking part in a memorial walk from The Entrance to Terrigal. They will be walking in memory of my cousin, Andrew Cadigan (Cad), who in June 2012 completed his epic 15,000km solo walk from Sydney back to Sydney, making him only the third person to walk unassisted around the country (although the only to include Tasmania). His catch cry was: 'One man, one pram, two feet and a heartbeat!'

He walked in honour of his mate, Chris Simpson (Simmo) who passed away in 2010 from complications related to myelodysplasia, or MDS. Sadly, while holidaying and recuperating in Thailand, Andrew suffered terrible head injuries in a motor cycle accident a month to the day after completing his trek and passed away in Sydney on October 5- a tragic loss of a young man who was incredibly determined achiever and inspiration to others.

All proceeds from the walk go to the Leukaemia Foundation's PHD research into MDS named after Cad and Simmo. To register, donate or hear more about his amazing journey go to: www.ozonfoot.com.au

Kind regards
Megan Bradshaw

Roster
Tuesday  - 6 October - Janene
Wednesday- 7 October - Jennifer
Thursday  -8 October - Annette
Friday    -  9 October - Lanssa

Lost Property Coordinator
Lost property is becoming a problem around our school.
I am after a lost property coordinator who can volunteer some time either on school drop off or school pick up. Please contact Wendy in the office for more information: 4349 3600. Thanks

Open only on Thursday afternoons in the Chapman Room 2:15 - 3:30pm.

Orders can be placed through Munch Monitors and will be delivered by Friday afternoon. The Uniform box in the office is cleared once a week and orders delivered by Friday afternoon.

Hats can be purchased ($12.00) from the office at any time.

Library bags can be purchased ($10.00) from the library at any time.

During next term a new price list will be coming out with some prices increasing, so purchase your uniforms soon to get in before the price rises.

Uniform Coordinators
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.

Yr 5 SUPER SELECTIVE TRIAL TEST COURSE (Only 20 weeks left)
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, and General Ability and Writing. Exclusive to James An College, the Year 4 O.C. Trial Test Course prepares students to sit for the O.C. Placement Test by practising and solving over 2,400 test questions.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!