We are proud of the multi-faceted role that schools play in a child’s life. As you can read in any edition of the school newsletter, students are afforded opportunities across many curriculum and extra curriculum areas. However, whilst it is very important to develop the ‘whole child’ our core business on a daily basis is in the areas of literacy and numeracy. I take great delight in seeing the progress of students when they begin to gain confidence in these areas.

As such, our school will join with many other schools from all parts of Australia this week to celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Gosford PS students will be involved in activities based on the books ‘Banjo and Ruby Red’ and ‘The Stone Lion’. Dorothea MacKellar’s poetry is also a focus. In Numeracy, students will explore shapes, in particular, shapes that tessellate.

This year, parents are encouraged to get involved and participate in the week. Evidence supports that positive parental engagement and involvement influences good student learning outcomes. The website http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au has additional information, literacy and numeracy activities and many interesting and useful resources. I encourage parents and carers to explore this site for ideas and information.

As a Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) trainer, I applaud Miss Shelton’s efforts in volunteering to promote and co-ordinate our school’s Literacy and Numeracy Week activities for this year.

Miss Shelton reading ‘The Stone Lion’ to 1S
Performing Arts Night

Congratulations to all students and staff who contributed to the success of the annual Gosford City Learning Community Performing Arts Night (PAN) held last Tuesday evening in the Henry Kendall High School multi-purpose centre. The performances from our students were exceptional!

It has been a busy time of late for our school. As such, our performing arts students and staff have been in great demand. Mrs Douglas is to be congratulated for her efforts in coordinating the school’s performing arts activities throughout 2015 and in particular, for organising the group and individual performances.

Once again, our school’s concert band was outstanding and Mrs See and Mr Dallinger and band volunteers can be immensely proud of the excellent standard of performances. In fact, I am sure that all members of our school community would have been very proud of our students’ collective efforts on the night.

Commemorative Fair Help Wanted

In recent weeks I have been asking for parents and carers to contact the school if you can assist at the Commemorative Fair at the end of Week 2, Term 4 (17 October).

Unfortunately, responses have been slow to come in to the school. If you are able to assist in any way please download the volunteer form from our website or phone our office (4349 3600).

I have no doubt that we will all enjoy a fantastic day. Among other things, students will enjoy the rides, parents the markets and art show and returning students and staff the reunion assembly and morning tea. The more volunteers who make time to assist the easier it will be for the organising committee.

Commemorative Garden Update

Thank you to Simon Head and employees from his company, Simply Foliage Landscaping for their work with the laying of the pavers for our commemorative garden over the past two weeks. The professional paving work enhances the quality of the garden and complements the historical aspects especially with the inclusion of the bricks and foundation stone from the Mann Street site. We are fortunate to have such community minded and generous people as Simon to volunteer and assist us with this project. For more information on what services Simon’s company Simply Foliage Landscaping can provide, please visit his website: www.simplyfoliage.com.au.
**Working Bee Participants**

With the completion of the paving of the Commemorative Garden we are nearing the final stage of construction that being the planting and mulching of our native plants 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.

On the afternoon of Saturday 12 September we are planning a working bee to plant the many plants that Angus has selected and organised for us.

Please complete the form below if you are able to attend the working bee. Alternatively, please email or phone the school using the contact details at the top of this newsletter.

**Father's Day Breakfast**

Our staff have gone to great lengths to ensure that the Father's Day breakfast planned for this Friday 4 September is going to be a great success. 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, 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.

**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 to 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.

John Anderson
PRINCIPAL

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**COMMEMORATIVE GARDEN WORKING BEE**

12 SEPTEMBER 2015 – Saturday

I/we will be able to attend the working bee to help plant the commemorative garden on Saturday 12/9/15 Between 12:30pm and 2:00pm.

Name(s): ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Contact phone number: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Working Bee will be followed by snacks and cold drinks. Please bring: garden gloves, hat, sunscreen, closed-in shoes and any tools you think will be handy!
**Brisbane Water District Athletics Carnival**
The District Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 21 August. Congratulations to all of the Gosford School Athletics team for their excellent performances. I was fortunate enough to watch the competitors on the day and was proud to be associated with Gosford Public School. I would like to thank Mrs Norris for acting as our team manager on the day, all the parents who assisted with transportation and all the supporters who cheered on our athletes.

Special congratulations must go to Iona for coming 1st in the senior 800m, long jump and 200m and 3rd in the 100m - these results making her age champion. Well done Iona! Jasmine was runner up in senior girls overall point score. She came 1st in high jump and 2nd in the 200m and 100m. Nash came 3rd in the Senior Boys point score. He achieved 1st in the 100m and 200m and got some high places in other events. Also a great result for our Senior Girls relay team coming 2nd and qualifying for the next level.

Well done to all our other place getters.

The regional carnival is to be held in week 9 on Monday 7 September at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. We would like to say good luck to the following students for making the Sydney North Team: Iona, Jasmine, Meadow, Nash, Clare and the Senior Girls relay team.

**PSSA Netball**
Congratulations to our netball team for displaying wonderful sportsmanship and commitment throughout the PSSA knockout. They did very well to get to round 5 of the competition before they yielded to Woodport. I was pleased to be able to get to some of the games and witness first-hand the team’s enthusiasm. Thank you to Mrs Wade for coaching and supporting the girls, Mr Carroll for his assistance in coaching and to all the parents who supported the girls and transported them to and from the games.
GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Soccer 5s Mariners Cup Success Again!!!*

On Thursday 27 August, a team of eight girls and a team of eight boys competed in a 5 a-side soccer championship at the Soccer 5s complex, Tuggerah. These teams consisted of our school teams’ most consistent players to play against a range of other schools in the Central Coast area.

It was an overcast winter’s day with a spot of rain; however that didn’t hold up the proceedings. The kids were fired up and keen to show off their skills and defend the titles from last year.

**Gosford Girls Road to Glory:**

Match 1 Gosford vs Blue Haven 6-2
Match 2 Gosford vs Wamberal 6-2
Match 3 Gosford vs Toukley 7-4
Final Gosford vs Terrigal 7-1

Girls team:
Samantha, Amy, Bethwyn, Iona,
Gabrielle, Jasmine, Jamie, Clare

Congratulations to the girls on a very convincing win!!!!!!! Hopefully we can get the hat trick next year!

**Gosford Boys Journey to the Final:**

Match 1 Gosford vs Blue Haven 18-0
Match 2 Gosford vs Wamberal 2-2
Match 3 Gosford vs Toukley 10-0
Final Gosford vs Terrigal 3-7

Boys team:
Damon, Nash, Mackenzie, Mason, Austin, Luke, Corey

Another great effort from the boys! They were strong the whole way, but came 2nd to a very strong Terrigal team.

Many thanks to Ross Hallaways, Andrew Smith and Soccer 5s for another great day. Also to the parents who supported us with transport and loud cheers.

*Nathan Lincoln*
Sports Co-ordinator &
Proud Football Coach
The winner for week 6 was Meadow 4H, and from week 7 Hayley 3G and Travis 4/5N. Well done to everyone for their efforts!

Mrs Hodgson
Co-ordinator

Over the years the staff at GPS have provided quality extra-curricular activities to enrich the education of our students. Here are a few examples.

- GPS Annual Doll and Toy competition.
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- School play 1950's
- Hockey 1979
Last Wednesday, a group of year 5 students visited the Adobe headquarters in Town Hall, Sydney. The students had an amazing time, travelling by train and then up to the 27th floor to the Adobe headquarters, where the views were spectacular.

At Adobe, the students were treated to a tour of the office (and a 360 degree view of Sydney!) where they met some of the creators, editors, IT support and managers of Adobe. The students learnt about the different work opportunities available at Adobe and how they might work towards entering the industry.

After the tour the students became movie producers, actors and editors, as they created a film about their visit using the Adobe software ‘Premiere Elements’. The students are now using their movie production skills to produce a video about the Kindergarten classroom, to assist our new 2016 Kindergarten students transition to school.

This was a terrific opportunity for the students and we would like to thank Miss Metters for organising the excursion and Mr Anderson, Mrs McCabe and Mr Connolly for accompanying the students.

Jodie McCabe
Technology Coordinator
Roster
Monday 7 September - Tanee
Tuesday 8 September - Tanee
Wednesday 9 September - Judy
Thursday 10 September - Help needed!
Friday 11 September - Amber

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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.

**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, 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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