Father’s Day Breakfast
Considering the bleak weather conditions our staff were very pleased with the large number of fathers and other significant family members who attended last Friday’s annual Father’s Day Breakfast.

Congratulations to our terrific staff who put in a big day to ensure the success of this event. The commitment from staff is due to the high degree of significance the breakfast has and the importance we place on it as an annual event on our school community calendar.

‘Tell Them From Me’ Surveys
Thank you to the parents who have completed the parent surveys titled, ‘Tell Them From Me’. These surveys have been designed by the Department of Education to provide authentic feedback for schools as they review the progress and relevancy of the new three year school plan.

The surveys are available from [https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm](https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm)
Username - parent55801 Password – Gos2049
I encourage all parents to provide feedback via this survey to assist with our evaluation and forward planning.

Teachers have committed time to review all aspects of the school plan and along with students will complete anonymous surveys to have further input into our school’s evaluation and planning process.

Working Bee this Saturday
We have been fortunate to have the assistance of local horticulturist Jonathon Steed who specialises in local native plants and is assisting the school with supplying and selecting a broad range of plants for our 150 Year Commemorative Garden.
The garden will also have an educational feature with bush tucker plants being grown to show students some of the plants that were part of the Aboriginal population’s diet.
Thank you to Jonathon who has his own company ‘Sustainable Natives’, a wholesale nursery and landscaping and landscape design company based at Somersby. He is available to work with community and corporate groups.

This Saturday, September 12, our own celebrity gardener, Angus Stewart, will be on hand to assist with the planting of the many plants that Jonathon has organised for us. It is a great opportunity for students and their families to take some ownership and pride in the garden. After all, once completed it will belong to our school community! I will be encouraging teachers to allow students to provide the initial maintenance until the plants can be well established.

I request that all families intending to participate please return the attendance note which is being sent home today or to please complete the slip in this newsletter. Alternatively, please email the school, gosford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Additional wheelbarrows and shovels would be appreciated. I will open the school gates on Racecourse Road for parking as the garden is situated on that side of the school. Light refreshments will be available in the afternoon.

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.

John Anderson
PRINCIPAL

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!
Aboriginal Leadership Public Speaking Program
This term, teachers and students from our Gosford City Learning Community facilitated and participated in the Aboriginal Leadership Public Speaking Program. This was held every Tuesday at Henry Kendall High School's Aboriginal classroom. This program was designed to give our students explicit and systematic learning opportunities with the fundamentals of public speaking and leadership. Congratulations to the students who graduated from the program on Tuesday, September 8, they have certainly earned their certificates and a nice Subway lunch.

Many thanks to Mrs Young and Ms Stimpson for organising and running this program; it would not have happened without you. Also, thank you to the principals and staff from GPS, PCPS, HKHS and GHS who endorsed this program.

Aboriginal Leadership Public Speaking Program Graduation.
Mr Lincoln
Coordinator

Go for Gold
Well done to Emeliana K (KG), Iona S (6C), Arjuna E (6C) and Charlie C (1/2B), the first four students to earn the YCDI Gold certificate! We look forward to many more Gosford Public School students reaching gold.

Sausage Sizzle for Silver
On Friday September 11, all students who have received their Silver You Can Do It certificate will enjoy a sausage sizzle with Mr Anderson.

YCDI Coordinators
Mrs Bianchi & Mrs McCabe
SPORT NEWS

Girls Grand Final Team

Oz Tag

Well done to all students who participated in the Stage 3 Oz tag Gala Day at Kanwal. All teams did really well and had an enjoyable day. A big congratulations to the girls team for making the grand final. Although they didn’t win but they showed persistence and great sportsmanship throughout the day.

A big thank you to the parents who drove the children and to Mr Johnson for volunteering his time to train the teams.

Renee Young
Stage 3 Oz Tag Co-ordinator

Sydney North Athletics Carnival

The Sydney North Athletics Carnival was held on Monday September 7. Congratulations to all of our Gosford representatives and the Brisbane Water PSSA Team for a wonderful carnival. I was joined by Mrs Latta and Miss Spackman as officials for the carnival and we were fortunate to witness our talented students do us proud, persisting in a very tough competition.

Many thanks to Miss Maier from Lisarow Public School for being the Brisbane Water team manager on the day. Also, thank you to all the parents who assisted with transportation and supported our wonderful team.
Special congratulations must go to Tiarne! She showed courage and tenacity in her races that got the crowd on their feet. Tiarne competed in the 200m and the 100m AWD races, which she achieved a commendable 3rd place, booking her place in the State Athletics Carnival. She has now earned celebrity status among the school and athletics community and we couldn’t be more proud. Some pictures of Tiarne’s success:

Nathan Lincoln
Sports Co-ordinator
Gosford Public School

**PUZZLE MASTER**

The Stage 2 competition has come to an end and the class winners are:

Grace 3/4B
Ananya 3G
Grace 4/5N
Glenn 3L
Rose 4H
Raiyan 4G

The overall winner and the Stage 2 Puzzle Master’s Apprentice for 2015 is Ananya. Congratulations, and well done to everyone who had a go.

Here are some comments from the students about the competition:

- Awesome. 10 stars. I really like it because it’s giving our brains a workout. *Jaidyn*
- I like it because it really does test your knowledge and makes you think harder than ever! *Niki*
- Your puzzles were terrific. They were hard but fun. I want to do more. I hope I can be your apprentice. *Raiyan*
- Every week I come to school on Monday and look forward to Puzzle Master so much I wish it was every day we did it. *Will*
- I like your puzzles because they challenge my brain. The puzzles sometimes hurt my brain. *David*
- I think that it is making my brains work faster. *YeonSu*
I don’t really like it although I did like the hats we used to get. *Oskar*

I think it’s fun because it’s challenging and I like to be challenged. *Tex.*

I like Puzzle Master but it can get very hard sometimes. *Allie*

I think it is a good idea because you can think and learn *Darcy*

Stage One’s competition starts next term.


Mrs Hodgson  
The Puzzle Master’s assistant.

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*New Lorikeets in our garden*

This week the You Can Do It garden lorikeets were placed in the front garden area near the skillion. They are an attractive visual reminder of the Gosford Public School 5 foundation values: Confidence, Getting along, Persistence, Resilience and Organisation.

Thank you to Miss Gately for organising the installation of the garden lorikeets.

*Mrs Bianchi & Mrs McCabe*  
Co-ordinators of the YCDI program
Mr Anderson has been busy this week visiting classes and sharing his experiences as a young boy at Gosford Public School. Both 1S and 1C enjoyed his talk and had lots of questions to ask him about his days as a student long ago.

Father’s Day Breakfast
Roster
Monday - 14 September - Glenda
Tuesday - 15 September - Jeanine
Wednesday - 16 September - Jennifer
Thursday - 17 September - Annette
Friday - 18 September - Larrassa

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

GRANDPARENT’S DAY & GAMES-A-THON
SPECIAL MENU AVAILABLE!

For $6.00:
2 x chicken legs, salad box and water
or
Lasagne, salad box, garlic bread and water

For $3.00:
Tea or coffee with scone, jam and cream

For $2.00:
Cheese and crackers and juice

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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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