School Banking will commence this Thursday 4 February. Happy saving for 2016

150th Centenary Book is still available for $30 and can be purchased at the school office

FROM the PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Anaphylaxis Request

Please note that this year we have a student enrolled at our school with a very SEVERE PEANUT ALLERGY. Due to traces of nuts being found in many foods we cannot claim to be a 'nut-free school', however on behalf of our staff at Gosford Public School I ask that all parents and carers refrain from sending ANY peanut butter or other peanut products in lunch boxes. Even the slightest trace of peanuts around the school can trigger a severe and life-threatening anaphylactic reaction.

We thank you all for your support on this important matter.

A Smooth Start to 2016

With reduced kindergarten enrolments we are currently in the fortunate position to commence the school year with lower than state average guidelines in each of the three kindergarten classes. This will provide our new kinder students with the best possible start to their primary schooling.

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Our school executive has this year taken the step to utilise government funding to employ an additional class teacher. This will have the effect of reducing class numbers across the school. Having visited many of the classrooms and spoken to staff and many students and parents I am happy with the smooth start to the school year and congratulate everyone for demonstrating the 'You Can Do It!' program foundation values of RESILIENCE, ORGANISATION, CONFIDENCE, GETTING ALONG and PERSISTENCE.

Welcome New Kindergarten Students and New Families

Our new kindergarten students have commenced their time at 'big school' very confidently. It is a big help having had all the students visit last week to complete their 'BEST START' assessments. And of course, many attended the 'Ready Set Go' program last year. We look forward to seeing them develop across the educational, social and educational domains. A special welcome to the new families who have children starting at Gosford Public School for the first time in 2016.

School Counsellor

Our School Counsellor, Mrs Stone will be at our school most Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you would like to refer your child to the School Counsellor or talk to her about something that could affect your child at school please send a letter in an envelope to our office addressed to:

‘The School Counsellor’ – CONFIDENTIAL

The school counsellor will contact you soon.

Uniform

I have been extremely proud of how smart the students look in FULL school uniform and thank parents and carers for making the effort to ensure the ever-growing students attend school in uniform. I am also very aware of the harm that can be caused by the sun’s rays and as such it’s great to see so many students wearing their wide-brimmed hats. Let’s keep it up!

The staff and I will continue to award the uniform award each Monday morning to the class that commences the week displaying the greatest consistency with full school uniform (including wearing their hats!).

And a big thank you to the volunteers and office staff who assist with uniform queries and sales.

Formal apology

Gosford Public School would like to formally apologise to Jackie Draper for any distress caused by the inclusion of her private details in our "Gosford Public School - 150 Years" book.

Looking forward to a great 2016.

John Anderson

Message from the Deputy Principal (relieving)

It was with great pleasure and excitement that I accepted the position of relieving Deputy Principal of Gosford Public School for Term 1 2016.

As Gosford Public School emerges from a year of significant change and celebration, I find myself immersed in a school culture that is steeped in tradition, diversity and outstanding teaching and learning programs.

I am in no doubt that I am part of an inclusive, innovative and progressive learning space. Having spent the best part of 2015 in Gosford Education Office as Learning and Wellbeing Officer, working with schools and families across the Gosford network, I bring an absolute passion for equity and excellence in education.

The experience I have gained throughout my 15 years as an Assistant Principal will no doubt complement the current dynamic team of leaders with whom I have had the pleasure of working alongside this last couple of weeks. It is a privilege to be a part of such a committed staff, and supportive community. I look forward to
meeting more students, with whom I have had some contact. They have already proudly told me the values of “You Can Do It”, an outstanding program providing a solid educational foundation.

I look forward to meeting Gosford Public School parents and caregivers at our Welcome Breakfast on 19 February.

Sarah Elliott

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**IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

**Please Note:** As for last year we again strongly encourage parents and carers who have internet access to obtain their weekly newsletter via our school website. ([www.gosford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gosford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)). It is usually available Wednesday afternoons. The newsletter looks great online and in colour. It is important we educate our students to be environmentally conscious by reducing the amount of paper that we send home. As paper is our greatest individual school resource cost the less we spend on this the more we can spend on the students key resources such as literacy and mathematics resources.

We do our best to send a reminder email to each family who provide us with their email address.

If you have changed your email address from last year or are a new family at Gosford PS please inform us of your details below OR if you are unable to access the newsletter online please provide your details and your youngest child will bring home the newsletter usually each Wednesday.

Thank you

John Anderson
Principal

Wendy Powe
School Administration Manager

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**NEW EMAIL DETAILS**

**PARENT /CARERS NAME:** ____________________________________________

**CHILD/RENS NAMES:**  ____________________________________________________________________

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** _______________________________________________________

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**REQUEST FOR PAPER COPY OF WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

I request that a paper copy of the newsletter be sent home with my youngest child each week.

Your Name: ____________________________________________

Child’s Name: ____________________________

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**CANTEEN**

**Roster**

Monday 8/2 - Amber
Tuesday 9/2 - Janene
Wednesday 10/2 - HELP NEEDED!
Thursday 11/2 - Jade
Friday 12/2 - HELP NEEDED!
URGENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR CANTEEN!!

3 hours once a month 9am - 12pm, no experience needed
We welcome all parents, grandparents, stepparents, aunties or uncles to volunteer
Drop down to the Canteen for a coffee and chat and see what we do.
Look forward to meeting you

Joy and Nena

Welcome back everyone. We look forward to meeting our new kindergarten, OC students and parents as the year progresses.

Library lessons start this week with years 1 - 6 being able to borrow. Please remember that children will not be allowed to borrow without a library bag. library bags ensure that our beautiful library books stay looking at their very best, and protect them from damage. If your child does not have a library bag, they can be purchased from the library or the school uniform shop for $12. Alternatively, your child may bring a library bag of their own.
Please keep in mind that the GPS library bags are water resistant which we prefer.

**Kindergarten will commence borrowing in week 5.** This allows for children to get settled into school, obtain a library bag, and learn the correct handling of books and the correct procedures for borrowing before they take books home.
We are extremely excited to be meeting our new kindergarten students this week!

**Library opening hours**
The library is open every day before and after school.
At 1st half of first break the library opens for students to visit. During this time, students are able to play board games with their friends, read books, borrow, research for assignments, and gain assistance from the school librarian.
Here are a few tips:

- Find a safe place to keep their library bags
- Put up a sign that tells students when they have library so they can organise themselves the night before
- Return books to the library each week during lesson time or before and after school
- Please notify the librarian of any damaged and lost books

Please check our website for updates

**Library timetable**

**Monday** - 6Y, 4G, 1C, KS, 5B  
**Tuesday** - 3G, 3/4W, 1/2B, 1S  
**Wednesday** - 6B, 6L, KD, KG  
**Thursday** - 2W, 5/6S, 5C, 1O  
**Friday** - 5N, 3L, 4H, 2A
Our school participates each term in the Scholastic Book club which helps to encourage students to read whilst rewarding our school with free books which are added to our library collection.

The brochures were sent home this week. Each student receives a brochure applicable to their age. All Orders must be completed by Friday 12 February, 2016.

**All orders are placed online by parents as follows:**

Log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download their iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogues
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

**For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and click on HELP in the top menu.**

**If you have no access to the internet**

Please place your order with your child's name on an envelope and place with either cash or your credit card voucher labelled with their name and class.

**All orders are to be taken to the office.**

Orders will arrive approximately 2 weeks after the orders closing date and will be delivered to your child’s class.

Thank you to Narumi Onozawa - our parent volunteer – who will help with the organising of this successful Book Club.

**All orders must be returned by Wednesday 12 February 2016.**

Thank you for your support

Mrs Harpur and Mrs McCabe
Teacher Librarians

**Band enrolments** - forms are available on Gosford Public School website or call in to the office.

Esther See
Band Coordinator
P & C News

Welcome to Gosford Public School to all our new students and families and welcome back to all our returning students and families.

Gosford Public School P & C meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month during term time at 7:30pm in the Chapman Room. All are welcome.

During the last year P & C have provided funding for audio visual equipment for the hall, band equipment, sponsorship for students attending state level competitions, money for the environmental group to purchase a chicken coop, sunshade for the K-2 fixed equipment, home readers, curtains for the hall, awards at presentation days and many other resources to assist our students and teachers.

Membership is just $1.00 for the year so come along and have a vote and meet other parents. P & C is always looking for volunteers in our canteen and uniform shop if you have some spare time, just come into the canteen and see Joy or Nena.

To place items on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting, email to The Secretary at gosfordpspandc@gmail.com, or in writing to the school office addressed to the Secretary P & C by 18 February 2016 3:00 pm.

Next meeting is 24 February 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Chapman Room.

GPS P & C AGM is 23 March 2016; to be eligible to vote you must be a current financial member. All welcome, light supper provided.

Uniform Shop News

Uniform Shop is open Thursdays 2:15pm till 3:30pm in the Chapman Room, CASH or CHEQUE only.

Uniform Shop is well stocked with all sizes of uniform items ready to purchase.
Hats are available from the school office all year round for $15.00
Library Bags are available from the library all year round for $13.00

There are several methods to order your students uniform for your convenience:
• Directly purchased from the Uniform Shop opening time and location as above
• Orders can be placed online at Munch Monitors www.munchmonitor.com
• Orders and payment may also be placed in the uniform shop box located in the school office. Orders will then be delivered to the student by the end of the week, please ensure sizes and number of items required are clearly indicated on the order form.

Coordinators would like to thank Alison, Eryn, Amber, Elise, Kaitlyn and Emily for giving up their time to help in Uniform Shop on 27 January; their assistance was very much appreciated.

Wendy and Helen
Uniform Coordinators
Yr 6 FINAL REVISION
for the NSW Selective Test in March 2016

★ Date: Saturday 5 March 2016
★ Time: 10am – 4pm
★ Apply by: Saturday 27 February 2016
Test papers are not available outside of this course.
(Parents/guardians will not have access to papers.)

Yr 5 SUPER SELECTIVE TRIAL TEST COURSE

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 2017. The Course focuses on the Subjects of English, Mathematics, General Ability and Writing. It is a 45 weeks Intensive course(start from 4/04/2016) with subject:

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A total of 138 sessions and a combination of 10000 questions
(including homework questions)

Each week, students will sit a test and a professional teacher will explain every question in the test paper. For each subject, students will be expected to complete a unit of homework before the weeks lesson begins.
Through these courses, students will develop an advanced level of writing skills, mathematical abilities and problem solving techniques necessary to give them an advantageous position over others in the Selective High School Placement Test.

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& 20th February @ Amart Sports West Gosford
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Or come to training Wednesdays & Fridays 5.30pm @ Narara Valley High
School.
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GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Monday to Friday at various branches.
3.15pm, 3.45pm or 4.15pm sessions.

Does your child need help with reading?
Then join our Reading Buddies program.

Book 10 weekly, half hour sessions with a volunteer who will sit
with your child and help improve their reading ability and
confidence.

Your child will receive a reading passport to track their progress
and a prize when they complete each level.

The Reading Buddies program is open to all school aged children.

Please note that a parent or carer must remain in the library
during the reading buddy session.

Bookings essential, Book online at:
or contact your nearest branch.