Welcome Back and Class Information Breakfast

One of the best ways to find out what is happening in your child’s classroom in 2016 is to attend the Welcome Back Breakfast which includes a Parent/Teacher information session. The date has now been set for Friday 19 February. This Week 4 date enables our new kindergarten students to be part of this event and allows time for all students to be hopefully settled into school routines and their new class.

The aim is twofold, welcoming new and returning families and also giving parents/carers the opportunity to receive important class information from your child’s new class teacher. We look forward to seeing many of our parents and carers in attendance.

The breakfast is a ‘continental’ style consisting of cereal, fruit, pastry and juice. The breakfast will commence at 7:45am and class information sessions are:

- K-2  8:25am-8:45am
- Years 3-4  8:50am-9:10am
- Years 5-6  9:15am-9:35am
Year 5 Excursion

I was fortunate enough to see first-hand how much our Year 5 students gained from attending the Active Education Centre at Central Mangrove as their major excursion for 2016. They were provided with opportunities to develop teamwork and social skills with their peers in addition to being taken out of their comfort zone and challenging themselves with activities such as high ropes, giant swing and the flying fox. I was very impressed with how our students reacted to these situations. With great levels of encouragement from staff and peers the students’ attitudes really reflected the elements of our ‘You Can Do It’ program, especially CONFIDENCE, PERSEVERANCE, GETTING ALONG and RESILIENCE.

Thank you to Mrs Boulton for her organisation and Mrs Newton, Miss Casamento and Miss Metters for volunteering the additional time away from home and for their tireless efforts supervising the students.

Coming Up

Tuesday February 16: Students can show off their swimming strokes at the Twilight Swimming Carnival. Starting at 4pm, it is a proven sun safe option for our competent swimmers to test themselves at the Gosford Olympic Pool.

Wednesday February 24: Parents and carers are invited to come along to the Chapman Room at 7:30pm and become a member of our school’s P&C. It’s a great way to stay informed about what is happening at our school and contribute to the school community activities. A light supper is served. All welcome.

Friday March 4: Students should bring their best SMILE and wear FULL school summer uniform as it is school photo day. Photographs are taken by Master School Portraits and the feedback from parents is usually very positive regarding the quality.

Anticipated Costings

Thank you to the families who have already paid their costings for the year in full. As you will appreciate there is a large amount of work involved in gathering the information regarding excursions, visiting shows, etc. Both Mrs Powe and myself appreciate the positive feedback from families who have taken the time to comment on the anticipated costing system. Thank you also to the families that have made part payments or contacted Mrs Powe regarding payment plans etc.

Road Safety Reminders

Please ensure the safety of our students by obeying the road regulations within the school zone. That includes not exceeding the 40km/h speed limit in the mornings and afternoons and being aware of parking regulations. Please DO NOT complete U turns in the children crossing area or park in the No Stopping or No Parking zones.

The ‘No Parking’ signs indicate that this area can be used as a drop off and pick up area (sometimes referred to as a ‘kiss & drop’ zone). The driver however must stop for no longer than 2 minutes and if they need to remove themselves from the vehicle must remain within 3 metres of it.

Council rangers and highway patrol officers were present last week and will continue to issue hefty fines for traffic infringements around schools.

Best wishes

John Anderson
Year 5 Central Mangrove excursion
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Monday 15/2 - Michael  
Tuesday 16/2 - Janene  
Wednesday 17/2 - Jennifer  
Thursday 18/2 - Jade  
Friday 19/2 - Larissa, Kylie

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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

Ethics Classes for Gosford Public School

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may know ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an alternative for children in non-scripture. The curriculum is now available for children from K-6.

Primary Ethics (a not-for-profit organisation) is the NSW Department of Education and Training authorised provider of ethics classes. The curriculum is inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions.

Ethics classes will be offered at Gosford Public School this year to non-scripture students and have to date been available to students in Years 3-6. In order to maintain current classes, we are looking for an additional volunteer teacher. Ethics teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum using the accompanying learning and teaching materials and the teacher training is provided by Primary Ethics free of charge.

For more information about Primary Ethics including the curriculum, or if you would like to volunteer as an Ethics Teacher at the school please go to www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Kathy Wenban on 0403 350 995 or email kwenban011@gmail.com
All classes started library lessons last week and years 1-6 began to borrow. Students in Kindergarten will begin borrowing in Week 5. 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.

**Did you know you can access the library enquiry at Gosford Public School, from home?** You will find a link on our Gosford Public School Website. Take a moment to visit the ‘Our School Library’ tab on the Gosford Public School Website, and read more about the programs being offered this year. [http://www.gosford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school-library](http://www.gosford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school-library)

Your child should have received Issue 1 from the school last week. Please order online through the ‘loop’. **All orders must be done by Friday 12 February 2016.**

If you require assistance please contact the Library staff.

A reminder to all parents that you can get access to this wonderful resource from home. The students will use this at school and are most welcome to use it at home to help them with any homework or assignments.

Go to: [http://worldbookonline.com](http://worldbookonline.com)

Login ID: gosfordps Password: library

We are fortunate to receive many new books into our library each week; however they all need to be covered. If you can spare some time please come along to library on a Thursday or Friday after 2.15pm.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Harpur and Mrs McCabe

**P & C News**

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.

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 3:00pm.

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 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.munchmonitors.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.

Wendy and Helen
Uniform Coordinators

Last year was the first year Gosford Public School participated in the You Can Do It program. We look forward to another great year learning about and implementing the five foundation values: RESILIENCE, PERSISTENCE, GETTING ALONG, CONFIDENCE and ORGANISATION.

You Can Do It Education (YCDI) is a school-home collaborative approach to promoting the social-emotional well-being and achievement of children.

YCDI has been developed by Professor Michael Bernard. YCDI’s mission is to strengthen the five social and emotional skills and foundation values which all children need to manage their own learning, behaviour and emotional well-being including: Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience. Unique among educational programs, YCDI emphasises the importance of teaching children different ‘Ways of Thinking’ that help them to develop in each of these five areas.

This year at 6PS, Year 5 and 6 students will participate in daily short lessons/discussions on each of the five foundation values. Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will participate in weekly/fortnightly 40 minute lessons concentrating on a particular foundation value. Over the next few weeks children will be learning about the foundation value of RESILIENCE. Professor Bernard’s belief is that RESILIENCE is the main value (skill), supporting and influencing the other four foundation values.

If you are interested in learning more about YCDI education, please visit:
youcandoiteducation.com.

We also have a section on the 6PS website regarding YCDI and how it is implemented in our school.

YCDI Team
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**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 week’s 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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