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Welcome Back Breakfast-clarification

I would like to clarify how our parent information sessions will be conducted at this coming Friday’s (February 19) ‘Welcome Back Breakfast’.

A continental style breakfast will be available from 7:45am in the COLA near the canteen, served by our staff and helpers.

A bell and an announcement will occur at 8:25 am. School age children will remain in the playground to be supervised by specialist teaching and executive staff. Parents and carers will go to classrooms to meet their child’s teacher. Please take preschoolers with you to classrooms.

Teachers will talk briefly about their classroom routines and expectations and if time permits will answer general questions.

Teachers will be happy to make appointments with you to answer specific questions about your own child at a later date.

This year we will trial a new option which allows parents/carers to visit up to 3 of their children’s classrooms should they wish to do so. A bell will sound and an announcement will be made at the conclusion of each session. It is also a signal for parents/carers to move promptly to other classrooms if they have more than one child at the school. A map which specifies the location of each class and their teacher/s will be published with this newsletter.
A final bell and announcement will occur at 9:35 am to conclude the parent/teacher information sessions. Parents/carers are requested to leave classrooms promptly at the conclusion of the final session. This will allow teachers to collect their class and commence the day’s lessons.

If you are unable to attend the information session please request a copy of the class handout from the office. This will be sent home with your child.

The morning is an introduction to the school and your children’s classes and teachers. It is also an opportunity to register your interest in volunteering for school and class programs.

I thank Esther and David for organising our school band to perform during the breakfast.

**Congratulations**

Well done to our new sports House Captains and Vice Captains who were recently elected and will represent their respective houses and assume the responsibilities associated with their new roles throughout 2016.

The elected students are:

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I am sure these students will be fine ambassadors for their respective houses and our school. Thank you to Mrs Latta and Miss Young for the organisation of these leadership positions.

Our sporting house representatives will accompany Mrs Elliott and our student leadership team in Sydney at the Young Leader’s Day conference in the coming weeks. Our school’s participation in this event is made possible by the generous support from our P&C.
Faunce St West Road Improvements

For many of our parents and carers who use Faunce St West as a ‘drop and collect’ point they would be aware of the traffic issues that arise even with the school’s best efforts. Following representations from both the school and P&C a plan is in place to improve the traffic flow along Faunce St West.

I have been informed by Gosford City Council that 28 day consultation period information should soon be made available so that residents can express their considerations should they wish. I am pleased that this process is underway. Such a process involves approval from Gosford City Council, Police and Roads and Maritime Services.

Sign-In Reminder

Please remember that it is mandatory for all visitors to our school to sign in and sign out at the office. This is important for several reasons. Firstly, it enables the school to have a register of who is in the school at any given time. This is especially relevant when an emergency requires the school to be in evacuation or lockdown mode.

Also, as a common courtesy, it is requested that parents and carers do not enter classrooms unannounced. Should a message need to be relayed to a student this should be done by our office staff.

I would appreciate your cooperation with these matters.

COMING UP

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. 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.

Anticipated Costings

Thank you to the families who have already paid their costings for the year in full. Our school will be changing over to the LMBR system in May 2016. Early payments would be appreciated to facilitate the transition to the new system.

Best Wishes

John Anderson

Waste Free Wednesday

Gosford Public School is continually trying to reduce the amount of waste which we produce. We are encouraging all students to bring waste free lunches and snacks to school. A class competition will be held each Wednesday and the class with the least amount of waste packaging and minimal waste of resources will be presented with a weekly Environmental Award at our school assembly. This initiative is called Waste Free Wednesday and will commence next Wednesday. Thank you for your support.

P and C News

Next P and C meeting is 24 February 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Chapman Room. Membership is $1.00 for the year so come along and meet some other parents and find out what is happening around the school.
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P and C is always looking for **volunteers** for the canteen, just come to the canteen and see Nena or Joy or send a note through the P and C Gmail account, or help out at the Mother’s Day stall coming up in May and the Father’s day stall in September.

To place items on the agenda for discussion at the meeting, email to the Secretary at gosfordpspandc@gmail.com or in writing to the school office addressed to the Secretary P and C by 18th February 2016.

**Next meeting 24th February 2016 at 7.30 in the Chapman Room.**

**GPS P and C AGM is 23rd March 2016. To be eligible to vote you must be a current financial member.**

*All welcome, light supper provided.*

**Uniform Shop News**

**CLEARANCE Sale**

- **Girls Dance pants sizes 4, 6, 8** and a limited few in other **sizes only $12.00**
- **White school polo shirts all sizes but limited stock only $18.00**

Uniform shop is open Thursday in the Chapman Room 2:15 till 3:30pm. **CASH or CHEQUE only**

**Hats** are available from the **office** all year round for **$15.00**

**Library bags** are available from the library all year round for **$13.00**

There are several ways to purchase uniforms

- Directly at the uniform shop on Thursday afternoons
- MUNCH MONITORS online at [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)

Please remember to change your child's class for 2016

Uniform box in the school office, place money and order in the box and it will be delivered to your child's classroom.

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**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.

Joy and Nena
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
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CLEAN UP DAY IS FRIDAY 4 MARCH!!!
Woof! Thursday is School Banking day.
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Block A
- Level 2

1C  Mrs Cohen, Mrs Arena
1/2B Mrs Bianchi
2D  Mrs Byrne, Miss Donaldson
2W  Mrs Wade
3L  Mrs Lee
3G  Mrs Greaves
5N  Mrs Newton
5B  Mrs Boulton

Block B,C,D,E & F
- Level 2

1S  Miss Shelton
KS  Miss Spackman
1O  Mrs Owens
KG  Miss Gately
KD  Mrs Douglas

Block B,C,D,E & F
- Level 3

6L  Mrs Latta
5/6S Miss Smith
6Y  Miss Young
6B  Mrs Bradshaw
5C  Miss Casamento

Office
Entry

Library
Canteen
Hall

Computer room

Assembly

Chapman room

OOSH

4G  Mrs Griffiths
4H  Mrs Barnfield
3/4W Mrs Ward

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