Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Canberra Excursion

I was most fortunate to have gone on the Canberra excursion with Years 5 and 6 last week. It was incredibly busy with us having to be at breakfast at around 7:00am and not getting back to the motel until 9:30pm. We visited all of the usual places with so many highlights. Our kids’ behaviour was exceptional and I was extremely proud to be with them. We did have a couple of students that did not want to go to sleep but that is usual for one of these excursions.

A big thank you to Jodie Campbell and Lara Middleton for the many, many hours of preparation that they put into making it a success, and to Rade Travica for all the work that he did on the excursion. They were incredibly long days considering staff have to be up before the kids and can’t go to sleep until the last child is asleep, and I appreciate the time that they spent away from their families that allowed this to happen.

Late Arrivals and Pick-Ups

A reminder that supervision at school is only available from 8:30am and children should not arrive at school before this time. Students should also be picked up at 3:00pm as we cannot ensure that staff will be available to supervise students. There is a very good after school care provider that picks up students from our school. The office can give you their number should you require their service.

Spring Vacation

A reminder that our Spring Vacation begins this Friday with students returning to school on Tuesday, 7th October.

Graeme McLeod
Principal
**Dates for your calendar**

REMEMBER - Canteen is always closed on Tuesdays

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**NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS**

**TERM DATES**

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**HARMONY CORNER**

**19 September: Talk Like A Pirate Day** - This is a fun day where we can pretend to talk like the pirates in well-known novels such as ‘Treasure Island’ and ‘Peter and Wendy’ and movies such as ‘Long John Silver’ and ‘Peter Pan’.

**NOTES OUT THIS WEEK**

Term 3 Disco – Fancy Dress
Life Education - Healthy Harold

**The Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop will not open Monday afternoons next term, but will still be open on Friday afternoons 2:30 – 3:30pm.

Thanks,
Sam McCartin 0423 288 953
**1/4B Butchers Excursion**

As a part of 1-4B’s topic of ‘In our Community’, they have been going on walks to the local East Gosford area, learning about pedestrian safety, accessing parks and what services shops have to offer.

Last Thursday afternoon 1-4B had the pleasure of visiting East Gosford Quality Meats. The friendly staff gave students a tour of the Butcher shop including a demonstration of how to sharpen knives, what they keep in the cool room and an understanding of how our food gets from the farm to our plate. Some of the students were lucky enough to assist in making beef mince. 1-4B were then given the mince to take back to school to cook and sample.

A big thank you to East Gosford Quality Meats for taking the time out to support our students’ learning.

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**Mini-beasts in My Garden Model Making Competition**

To get the excitement going for our up and coming Book Fair in Term 4, we are holding a model making competition for students. There will be a winner for each class and they will win a book voucher to the value of $10.00 to spend at the Book Fair, plus a blue ribbon for their model.

The model is to be a Mini-Beast Garden Creature and may be made from paper, card and recycled materials. Encourage children to be as creative as they can be. It must be 3 Dimensional and be free standing or able to be suspended like a mobile. Ensure it is labelled with student’s name and class, then deliver the model on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday on or before the 5th November. Please NO Lego or alike as these can be vandalised.

Judging will take place the following week by guest judges and winners announced at assembly on Friday, 14th November just in time for our Scholastic Book Fair, with sales on the evening of Tuesday, 18th and Thursday, 20th November.

I can’t wait to see what creations our creative kids come up with. Happy making of spiders, insects, beetles and other creepy crawlies!

Lyndall Coles  
Teacher Librarian  
Gosford East Public School
On Wednesday 10th September Angel and I drove down to Umina Public School for the Regional Spelling Bee Final. There were 35 kids from 20 different schools in the competition. There were seven rounds in total and Angel and I both got knocked out in round four. We sat up on the stage and walked to the microphone to spell our words. It was sudden death, so if you got your word wrong you were out straight away. It was sooo quiet and everyone was really nervous even the parents. When it got to round six (the finals), there were two kids who had to battle it out until there was a winner. The final word to spell was ‘cessation’. It was nerve-racking but fun; I learnt a lot of new words.

Zoe
This term the school disco will be held on Wednesday, 17th September.

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Each child will receive chips and a drink. Any help on the night would be greatly appreciated.

*Mel Hogston, P & C Committee member*

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

**Calling for volunteers – we need your help!**

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help. The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-Ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and will also help our school with fundraising. Currently, School Banking day is WEDNESDAY, processed on Thursday. Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by filling in the tear off section below and returning it to the school office.

**$927.58 raised through School Banking!**

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students and volunteer mums we have raised $927.58 for our school through School Banking commissions in the financial year ending 31/07/14. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit each WEDNESDAY. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

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**Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!**

Name: __________________________
Phone: __________________________
Email: __________________________
Availability: ____________________
Canberra Excursion: September 10-12th

We had a fantastic trip filled with great learning opportunities and experiences! The behaviour of the students attending was terrific! We are very proud of you all!

Student Highlights

Kyan, Lachlan, Emma, Tallis, Daina, Jamie, Josh & Ayden all picked QUESTACON as their highlight. Ashton loved the A.I.S. For Waneetta it was the Australian War Memorial; and for Tahlia, Jackson & Johnshu the Dinosaur Museum night tour was their pick.

Stage 3 Have arrived Safely! First stop the National Capital Exhibition

Designing Canberra With Lego!!

Off to the Electoral Education Centre - what Fantastic listeners!!
Parliament House

How Many GEP’S students can
Fit in a mining bucket?

Australian Museum - Amazing!!
PREFECTS/CAPTAINS ELECTION
We have started the process of electing our Captains and Prefects for 2015.
19 wonderful Year 5 students have been nominated and this week they are being interviewed.

On Friday of the first week in Term 4 all the students who progressed through the interview stage will receive their ‘Provisional Prefect’ badges at the assembly. These badges will allow all the school community to see who these students are, and to observe their behaviour. The six successful prefects will be announced on the 18th November.

Good luck to all the candidates.
Mr Emery and Mrs Campbell

CUP-A-THON
Sponsorship money is due in to school Thursday, 18th September. Raffle prizes will be drawn on Friday 19th at the school assembly.

CANTEEN NEWS

Hi Everyone

The end of term is upon us again - where did it go?

Please consider helping in Canteen next term as there are many holes in the roster and it is usually the busiest term.

Have a safe holiday.

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Thanks
Jo C
GOSFORD INDIANS BASEBALL
are still taking registrations for our junior teams.
U8’s - U14’s
Mid-week games.
3rd and final registration day being held at Adcock Park,
Tuesday, 23rd September between 4:00-5:30pm.
Contact Kate Frost for details on 0416 177 016
or email k8frost@optusnet.com.au

Terrigal Wamberal Little Athletics Registration

Terrigal Wamberal Little Athletics will be holding their registration day on Friday, 19th September between 5:30-7:30pm at Duffys Oval, Terrigal.

Cost is $110 for the first child and $100 for each child thereafter. Dual registration with Senior Athletics is free. We do not have credit card facilities, so please have cash or cheque payable to: Terrigal Wamberal Little Athletics Centre.

For further information please go to our website: http://terrigalwamberallittleathletics.wordpress.com/ or contact April Coles on 0405166503.

LOST PROPERTY

As the term comes to an end, we have quite a lot of lost property items – mostly jumpers.

On Friday, 19th September all of this lost property will be taken out under the COLA at 2:30pm for parents and students to go through and see if anything belongs to them. After this, items of clothing will be donated to the second hand clothing pool in the uniform shop.
If your child has lost or misplaced any items this term please come and have a look as it may just as well be hiding amongst the lost property!