Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Christmas Concert.**

Thank you to the many parents that came and watched our Christmas Concert. This is the biggest crowd that we have ever had at the school and it was great to see so many parents and family members here supporting the kids. It does have a great atmosphere and the staff and kids put on a good show. Thank you also to our staff, especially to Lara Middleton for organising the afternoon.

**Classes 2015**

We have spent a great deal of time trying to organise next year’s classes. Although we have put some draft classes together the numbers are so close to getting an additional class we will have to wait until the first week to finalise them. This means that for the first few days of next year we will be staying in 2014 classes (as much as is possible) until we can confirm our numbers. This is the same as we did at the beginning of this year.

**Year 6**

This is the last few days that we will have Year 6. For those that attended yesterday’s Year 6 Graduation I am sure that you will agree it was a very good ceremony and thank you to Lara Middleton and the Stage 3 team for organising it for the many parents that attended. We will be having the Year 6 Farewell next week. This is a very important time for Year 6. They have been a great group of students and I thank them for the tremendous group they have been. We wish them all the best for the future and look forward to hearing of their achievements over the years.

**Kindergarten Graduation**

Yesterday we also had our Kindergarten Graduation which was also a great event and I would like to thank the many parents that attended this and to Belinda Conry, Lauren Flynn and Tara Edwards for not only organising the graduation but also for the great job they have done in teaching Kindergarten.

**Belinda Conry**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Belinda all the best in her new school in Newcastle. Belinda is an exceptional teacher and has done so much for our school in her role as Assistant Principal. I know the whole school community will miss her and we hope her new school appreciates her as much as we do.
We at Gosford East wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year period and hope that you have the time to spend with your family and to enjoy some quality time with your children. It is a special time for kids and I hope that they have an enjoyable and relaxing vacation ready for a very big year next year. Students return to school on Wednesday 28th of January. Staff return on the 27th of January. On this day the office will be open. The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 27th January from 10am -2pm.

Graeme McLeod
Principal

Dates for your calendar

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NOTES GOING OUT THIS WEEK

Classroom Supplies for 2015
End of Year Fun day Kindergarten
Stage 3 Party Day
**SCHOOL APP**

Our School App is now up and running. Please download this app from the app store (iPhone and android). Just type in "Gosford East Public School" and download. Get instant updates and information straight away. You can also check the school calendar, send in absence notes, and view newsletters.

Thanks,
Nicole Dorratt
School Admin Manager

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**P&C NEWS**

I hope everyone’s been busy selling raffle tickets. There are spare books at the office if you need to sell more.

Please have your money and raffle tickets back to the office by Wednesday, 10th December. Raffle will be drawn on Friday, 12th at the Assembly.

The prizes are listed below in no particular order, along with contact numbers.

We always encourage you to support these businesses when you can due to their generosity supporting our school raffle.

- Helen O’Grady Drama School Term Scholarship - 4322 9011
- The Top Bookshop East Gosford - $50 book voucher- 4325 1240
- "Don't Have Time Cleaning" voucher- donated by Jenny White - 0413 148 637
- Brittany Spears Perfume- donated by Jess Feeney (school mum) - much appreciated Jess
- Intensity Erina Party Package valued at $120 - 4365 6790
- Beautify Me- Hair Care Package & $30 voucher- donated by Tanya Horvat - 0416 389 947
- Cafe Jam East Gosford- $30 voucher - 4324 8708
- IGA East Gosford- 10 x $20 vouchers - 4325 2212
- East Gosford Butcher- $20 voucher - 4325 1926
- Taste Cafe East Gosford- $20 voucher - 4324 2130
- Barto’s Bakehouse Bakery East Gosford- 2 x $15 vouchers - 4325 2083
- East Gosford Newsagents- Mister Maker Craft Chest, catch ball set & 4 pack books by Bruce Whatley - 4325 1576
- East Gosford Charcoal Chicken- Dinner pack- value $25 - 4324 4092
- Taronga Zoo- 2 x adult passes - (02) 9969 2777
- Lucky dip Gift assortment Female - donated from Mother’s Day gifts
- Lucky dip Gift assortment Male - donated by Father’s Day gifts

Thanks,
Mel Hogston
FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR
Well another year seems to be coming to a close and I thought I would take this opportunity to let the wider school community know about the great work that has been done this year by the P&C. This year the P&C have organised the mothers’ and fathers’ day stalls, the three school discos and the Christmas raffle. There are also the services which are provided by the P&C which take enormous commitment from volunteers week-in and week-out. These include the running of the uniform shop, school banking and helping in the P&C funded canteen. Also working in the background to keep things ticking over are volunteers who keep the P&C finances and administration on track. Not the most glamorous of jobs but essential none the less. All of these activities are not just about raising money but providing the school community with a little bit extra to make our school an even better place.

Fund raising over the last couple of years has allowed the P&C to make a large donation this year and added a much needed boost to the school’s IT infrastructure and hardware. We made a large contribution towards the installation of the schools Wi-Fi network and paid for 16 new top of the range high spec Del Venue 11I tablets and a Mac Book Pro, a total cost of over $15,000.00. When added to the already purchased iPads this enables the school to have a resource that can be utilised across the whole school and ensures all of our children have access to the latest technology and learning resources. The P&C, on behalf of the larger school community, has also made donations to families who are experiencing hardship to ensure all children are afforded the same opportunities. The P&C also pay for the end of year awards and prizes at a cost of over $1,200.00.

I am sure you will agree it is a school institution that offers a great service, for free, and deserves everybody’s thanks for all the hard work. I would personally like to thank all of the P&C members for all their hard work this year and all of the other volunteers around the school.

Thank you, have a Happy Christmas and see you all next year.

Darren
10 December  International Human Rights Day
The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10th December, 1948. The Declaration proclaims a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

11 December  International Mountain Day
International Mountain Day was established in 2003 following the UN International Year of Mountains 2002. The proclamation of this day on an annual basis provides a continuing opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of mountains, to consider the impact of development on mountains and their human inhabitants, flora, fauna and natural resources, and to build partnerships that foster positive change to the world's mountains and highlands and their communities and the sustainable management of mountain biodiversity.

17 December  Chanukah/Hanukkah begins (Jewish)
Chanukah, also known as the 'Festival of Lights', commemorates the victory of the Jewish people, led by the Maccabees, over the Syrian-Greeks some 2,300 years ago, after the Jews had been ordered to renounce their religion. After years of fighting, the Maccabees reclaimed and rededicated their Temple in Jerusalem. The eight-candle menorah is lit as a symbol of the miracle of the oil lamp which burnt for eight days in the Temple following its rededication. The word 'chanukah' means 'rededication'.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is very full of jumpers, jacket etc. It will be displayed outside the hall on Friday during the Presentation, and again items will be displayed under the Cola on Monday for anyone wishing to search for items. At the end of the term, whatever is left over will be donated to the second hand uniform clothing pool. Please check through lost property if your child has lost uniforms during the term.

SCHOOL BANKING

This is the last week for School Banking. Thank you for all of your deposits throughout the year, save up your Christmas money and see you in 2015!
Hi Everyone

Sorry for the short notice but there will be a special Xmas lunch order day on Thursday, 11th December. Orders need to be returned by Monday, 8th December please.

Thanks
Jo C

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Have a Happy Holiday!

PLAYERS WANTED

FOR THE 2015 SEASON

ST. EDWARDS BEARS RLFC

Under 6s to Under 17s
Under 19s to Open Age

For Further Details regarding registration days please contact

Sarah Thom 0401648517
Megan Kirby 0405141481
Fun Language Clubs for Kids
On the Central Coast

The 'Fun' way to help your child become bilingual

- French
- Italian
- Mandarin
- Spanish
- German

Play-based programs: Games, songs, puppets, craft, drama/role-plays & other fun activities to get your child using the language quickly and naturally!

ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 1, 2015
Mandarin FOR PRESCHOOLERS CLUB
3-5 years old
Gosford East Public School Hall
Monday after school from 3:30pm

ENROLLING NOW for Term 1, 2015
Mandarin for Kids Club
5-12 years old
Gosford East Public School Hall
Monday after school from 4:00pm

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www.lcfclubs.com.au
Join in the Naturally Wild School Holiday program at Gosford City Libraries. The holiday program features a variety of low cost or free activities for school aged children. Activities include a visit to the Australia Wildlife Walkabout Park, a chance to explore the world of Narnia at branch libraries or a special visit to Laycock Street Theatre, nature crafts where children can create their own dream-catcher and many more.

**EXPLORE**

**Stories at the Gallery**
Gosford Regional Gallery, East Gosford
10.30am to 12noon
Come along for fun stories in the tea house and make a craft to take home.
Ages 5 to 10 years.
Bookings required.

**SING READ AND RHYME**

**Erina Library**
6 to 12months
9.45am to 10.15am
12 to 24 months
10.45am to 11.15am
Sing, Read and Rhyme is an early literacy program for babies and their parents or carers.
No bookings required.

**Gosford Library**
10am to 11.30am
Make a dream-catcher with a variety of natural materials and create your own organic pet.
Ages 7 to 13 years.
Bookings required.


Due to limited spaces please consider the age recommendation before booking into a program and note that children must be attended by a responsible adult at all times.

**Nature Play**

**Umina Library**
10am to 11.30am
Celebrating the series of books by C.S Lewis, this Narnia program will include a reading from one of Lewis’s books and some exciting crafts.
Ages 5 to 10 years.
Bookings required.

**NARNIA**

_Surf the Shelves at Gosford City Library with the Children and Youth Summer Reading Program, commencing 15th December 2014 and concluding Sunday 25th January 2015_

How do you participate? Visit any branch to receive a reading review bookmark. Select one book, or many, from the Library, Read it and tell us what you thought. Did you like it? Was it funny? Did the cover grab your attention? Take your review slip to any Gosford City Library branch and you will go into the draw for some great prizes. It doesn’t matter what you read, fiction or non-fiction, and you can enter as many times as you like!
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**THURSDAYS**

**MOVE, PLAY, CREATE KIDS GROUP**

**Thursdays 9.45am – 10.30 am**

**Dates:** 12, 19, 26 February & 5, 12, 19, 26 March 2015

This is a program for 3-5 year olds designed to build confidence, self-esteem, listening and comprehension skills, gross and fine motor skills through outdoor play, messy play and creative play stations. This program will often be outside, however there are indoor activities if wet. Please bring hats and drink bottles. FREE to attend. Registrations essential, places limited.

**123 MAGIC EMOTION COACHING & PARENTING SKILLS PROGRAM**

**Thursday Evenings - 5, 12, 19 March 5.30pm - 7.30 pm**

Learn easy to use strategies to communicate and deal with difficult behaviour in your growing children.

**FRIDAYS**

**READY STEADY GO KIDS SPORTS PROGRAM 3.5-5 YRS**

**Classes run at 9.30am every Friday**

The Ready Steady Go Kids program is designed to build confidence and self-esteem, teach the skills of a variety of sports, boost school readiness skills and have fun. 45 minutes of fun each week. **Registrations essential, places limited. Please bring hats and drink bottle.**

**LITTLE LEARNERS LITERACY GROUP**

**Fortnightly on Fridays 10.30 am – 11.30 am**

**Dates:** 6, 20 February & 6, 20 March 2015

A playgroup for developing pre-schoolers reading skills

Fun activities & play stations for little learners that will help develop reading skills through sounds. For children 4-5 years.

Limited spaces. Contact Philippa to register.

**SPEECH & LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS for PARENTS**

**Times and Dates to be announced**

Speaking & Listening Skills for Starting School

You are invited to attend FREE workshops with Jane Beale from All Areas Speech Pathology who will talk about ways to support your child with the Speech & Language skills they need to participate successfully in Pre School and Kindergarten.

To register for all programs contact Philippa Skipper, Facilitator at Wyoming SaCC on 0477 317 862 or email: philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au