Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Tara Edwards**
I would like to congratulate Tara Edwards on her permanent appointment to our school that she gained through merit selection. Many parents have always believed that Tara has been a permanent teacher here as she has been here for the past eight years. Tara is a wonderful teacher and we are glad to have her here permanently.

**Christmas Concert**
A reminder that our Christmas Concert is on this Friday afternoon beginning at 1:45pm. It is our biggest event of the year and every child is involved. If you are able to join us I am sure you will enjoy it very much. As most people know it is my favourite event of the year.

**Sports Assembly**
Many thanks to Mark Emery for organising our Sports Assembly last Friday. It is very important to acknowledge our students’ achievements in sport as it is not only a very important aspect of school life but also encourages healthy living. A big Thankyou also to Margaret Sansom for organising Anthony Minicello from the Sydney Roosters to be our special guest. He is a great role model for kids and we were so impressed by his ability to not only engage with children but his obvious care for them.

**Swim School**
Our Swim school was again a great success with about 90 students attending from our school. The gains that students make during this program are amazing. It does take a considerable amount of time out of the school day but the benefits outweigh the time taken. Thank you to Rade Travica for organising the program, and to Kamla Abou-King, Mark Emery, Bridget Scott and Jo Hextall for not only the effort they made to ensure it was a success but for the care they took of the students walking down to the pool and while in the water.

**Reports**
We are planning to send reports home next Thursday, 11th December. The staff take great care and spend a lot of time in writing the reports. There are only a few days left of school before the holidays after you receive the reports but I am sure if you have any questions, your child’s teacher will be most happy to assist you.

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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**NOTES GOING OUT THIS WEEK**

Christmas Assembly  Year 6 Farewell
Year 6 Balloon      Canteen Christmas Lunch

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**FROM THE OFFICE**

We have again accumulated quite a lot of lost property items: jumpers, hats, lunch boxes. If your child has lost or misplaced any items this term, please come and have a look as they may just as well be hiding amongst the lost property! Remaining items of clothing at the end of term will be donated to the second hand clothing pool in the uniform shop.

If you have any outstanding invoices for 2014 please come in and pay at the office in the next week, or alternatively send in details and payment with your child.

Thanks,
Nicole Dorratt
GOOD LUCK PAYTON!!

Payton of 1P is away this week competing in the Australasian Show Horse and Rider Competitions as a member of the NSW Team. We wish her all the best and can’t wait to hear how she went when she returns to school next week. Good luck Payton!

Caroline Pope,
Classroom Teacher

P&C NEWS

You would have all received your raffle books last week for the Xmas Raffle. If you didn’t any please grab some from the office. If you’d like more there are also spares at the office.

It has been brought to my attention that the book only has 5 tickets in it so if you’re wanting to purchase 6 then please get the extra ticket from the office.

The prizes are listed below in no particular order. On the day of the draw they will be arranged in price value as I’m still waiting to hear back from a few businesses.

• Helen O’Grady Drama School Term Scholarship
• Don’t Have Time Cleaning voucher—donated by Jenny White
• Brittany Spears Perfume—donated by Jess Feeney
• Intencity Party Package valued at $120
• Beautify Me- Hair Care Package & $30 voucher—donated by Tanya Horvat
• Cafe Jam—$30 voucher
• IGA East Gosford—10 x $20 vouchers
• East Gosford Butcher—$20 voucher
• Taste Café—$20 voucher
• Bakehouse Bakery—2 x $15 vouchers
• East Gosford Newsagents—Mister Maker Craft Chest, catch ball set & 4 pack books by Bruce Whatley
• East Gosford Charcoal Chicken—Dinner pack—value $25
• GEPS Library—4 pack of books Judy Townsend, 4 pack books assorted (from book fair) & 4 pack books Tristan Banks.
• Taronga Zoo—2 x adult passes

Thanks,
Mel Hogston
FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR
**3 December  International Day of Disabled Persons**

In October 1992 the United Nations General Assembly declared 3 December as International Day of Disabled Persons. In 1997, Australia renamed this observance as the International Day of People with a Disability in recognition of the abilities and achievements of people living with disabilities.

**5 December  International Day of the Volunteer**

The UN Commission for Social Development calls on governments to establish fiscal and legislative frameworks supportive of volunteering, to undertake research into aspects of volunteering and its impact on society, and to ensure that citizens have access to information on opportunities for volunteering.

**6 December  St Nicholas’ Day**

St Nicholas’ Day is widely observed in Europe as the time when children receive presents (often instead of (Christian) Christmas Day). According to tradition, St Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra in the 4th century. His reputation for kind and generous deeds gave rise to legends of miracles he performed. The legend of St Nicholas moved from country to country and varied across the centuries, as did his name. During the 19th century the image of Santa Claus as a kind old man who gave gifts to good children was adopted. Since then St Nicholas has remained the patron saint of gift-giving to celebrate Christmas.

**7 December  Ocean Care Day**

Ocean Care Day originated in Manly, NSW more than ten years ago. It is now celebrated nationally on the first Sunday in summer. Ocean Care Day provides an opportunity for local coastal community groups to raise awareness of ocean care and the need to care for and protect marine life and the ocean environment.

**8 December  Bodhi Day (Buddhism)**

In the Northern or Mahayana tradition, Bodhi Day celebrates Buddha’s Enlightenment, the second most important event of Buddha’s life.
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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**TUESDAY - CLOSED**

| Wednesday 10th December | Help please 0414907968 Help please 0414907968 |
| Thursday 11th December  | Sam McCartin Help please 0414907968 |
| Friday 12th December    | Karen Murray Kerrie Carlin |
| Monday 15th December    | Help please 0414907968 Help please 0414907968 |

**TUESDAY - CLOSED**

| Wednesday 17th December | Help please 0414907968 Help please 0414907968 |

Have a Happy Holiday!

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**Library News - Book Fair**

A huge thank you to all the families that made a purchase at our Book Fair a in Week 7. We sold just over $3300 at the Book Fair and that’s over $900 back to school in books. However, as we have most of Scholastics collection already $550 was taken for the Library in books and the remainder in cash to go towards an iPad. We need to start somewhere, let’s hope it’s just one of many iPads for the Library. Also a big thank you to Natasha Renton, Sam McCartin and Anne Sykes-Hallowed for their help at our sales events.
Without the assistance of supportive parents these events couldn’t happen.

Lyndall Coles
Teacher Librarian
Gosford East Public School
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