NEWS ‘N’ VIEWS

Gosford East Public School

"Courtesy and Honour"

P & C Association

Meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month
7:00pm in the staffroom
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Cross Country**

As you may be aware, our Annual Cross Country Carnival will be held next Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April at the school. This is always a fun day which will begin about 11:30am just at the end of recess. Please join us if you are able to, the canteen will be open and hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

**Purple Day**

Each year we hold a Purple Day to support epilepsy. Like the World’s Greatest Shave, it is something that the school tries to support as it affects a number of our students both in the support unit and in the rest of the school. A couple of our students are significantly affected by epilepsy and we all hope for a cure or more effective medication that would change their lives. I thank you for your support of Purple Day, especially as it is the second cause that we have asked you to support over the past two weeks.

**Museum Excursion**

Each year we try to provide a number of excursions that support the programs in the classrooms. Next Tuesday Stage 2 will be going to the Museum in Sydney. This is a great excursion that not only is very educational but will be fun as well.

**Absentee Notes**

If your child is absent from school for any reason this absence must be a supported by a note to the teacher outlining why they were away. If they are away sick, or attending a medical appointment, they will be marked as ‘sick’. If they are absent for other reasons such being away for their birthday, this will be marked as ‘unjustified’. If the note is not received within 7 days this will be marked as ‘unexplained’. It is a legal requirement that students attend school every day that they are not ill or there is not a sufficient reason to be away. Where a student has a number of days off that are not justified we have to refer the student to the Home School Liaison Officer for follow up.

I am able to, however, provide an exemption from school where the child is going to be away for such things as playing sport at a representative level or going on a family holiday that cannot be taken during school holidays. In this case your child is not marked as absent. Exemption forms can be obtained from the school office.

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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SPORTS NEWS

Sports News

Last week I mentioned that four students went to the district trials for soccer. After a great afternoon of competitive soccer we were successful with a student, Ruby, gaining selection at the next level. Well done to all these students!

I also hope to handout the swimming ribbons this week at the Friday assembly. They were to be handed out last week but the assembly went for too long.

Thanks,

Mark Emery
Sports Coordinator

Next Wednesday is our school Cross Country Carnival. As a small school we look to our school community to help these carnivals run smoothly. So if any parents or carers can assist on the day as course monitors, please let me or your child's teacher know prior to, or on the day. Any helpers must have filled out a 'Working With Children' declaration form at the school office. The carnival will run from 11:25am - 1:00pm. Thank you for your continued support.

Thanks,

Radoslav Travica
Teacher, Year 3/4T

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School Disco

Our first school disco for this year will be held on Wednesday 9th April. I'm always keen to have people volunteer their time to help out with fundraising events, so if you are able to, please call me on 0413 199 647.

Thanks,

Mel Hogston
Fundraising Coordinator
From The Students...

👍 CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD:
Bryce, India, Tiger, Madison, Asher.

📚 QUALITY WORK:
Zoe, Chloe, Zach, James, Phoenix, Zac H., Amira, Charlotte, Kaden, Samuel, Angus, Acacia.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK:
Kiara

OTHER:
Fantastic item 2/3B.
Great Job Ruby on making it to the next level in soccer.
Hi Everyone,

Only two full weeks left of term, where have the weeks gone?

You should have received a copy of our Hot Cross Bun drive sheet earlier in the week. Please remember these have to be returned to the Canteen with the $$s by Wednesday 2nd April - next Wednesday! Please show these sheets to your family, friends and work mates who may also like to purchase. The delivery day is Thursday 10th April - this is the second last day of term. If you cannot pick them up on that day after 11.30am then you can come in the next day or we may be able to arrange a special pick up time. Please remember to put your name and contact number on the form to make it easy to contact you if needs be. You can also use credit card to pay for your order if you wish, but the usual 50c or 2½ % fee (whichever is the greater) will apply.

Thanks

Jo C

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**28 March: National Youth Tobacco Free Day** - is an opportunity for schools and communities to inform and educate Tobacco Free Day young people about the tobacco industry and the consequences of smoking.

**31 March: Neighbour Day** - Neighbour Day began in Melbourne, Victoria in 2003 following community concern after an elderly woman was found dead in her home two years after her death. In 2007, Neighbour Day became a global event being endorsed by the UN Secretary-General, Mr Kofi Annan. “When communities are connected and neighbours are engaged, our suburbs and towns are strengthened and lives are enriched.” Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, AC, Governor-General of Australia.

**1 April: April Fools' Day** - Until the sixteenth century, New Year's Day was celebrated in France on 1 April. In 1562 Pope Gregory introduced the Gregorian Calendar proclaiming 1 January as New Year's Day. People who were unaware of, or did not believe the change of date, continued to celebrate New Year's Day on 1 April. These people were played tricks on by others and called ‘April Fools’.

**2 April: International Children’s Book Day** - International Children’s Book Day is celebrated to inspire children with a love of reading and to draw attention to the importance of books. It has been celebrated since 1967 and falls on or around 2 April, which is Hans Christian Andersen’s date of birth. More information can be found on www.ibby.org.

**LUNCH BOX IDEAS**

**Practical Tips**

- Include a frozen bottle of water during summer. It will still be cold at lunchtime and keep the food cool, too.
- During hot weather, avoid milk, yoghurt, fish or meat in lunches, unless they are packed in a good quality cooler with an ice pack/frozen water bottle (to prevent food poisoning).
- Wash and dry salad vegetables thoroughly to avoid ‘soggy sandwiches’.
- Don’t forget a spoon when packing yoghurt or tubs of fruit (otherwise it will end up on the floor or on your child’s clothes).
- For busy families, prepare lunchboxes and sandwiches the night before and store them in the fridge to ensure your child always has a healthy lunch with them.
- Wash, rinse and thoroughly dry lunchboxes after every use to keep them safe and clean.
STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school and $50 for a student just by depositing into your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.

The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win a marquee. There are 4 marquees to be won in the Central Coast area. Every student who completes a minimum of 3 school banking deposits in Term 1 will also be in the running to win one of two $50 credits to their School Banking account. Competition opens 28/01/2014 and closes 11/04/2014. For full terms and conditions please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

Banking day at GEPS is every WEDNESDAY

Who Do We Sing For?

Central Coast Mariners (CCM) and Newcastle Permanent Building Society (NPBS) will be bringing their After School Program to our school on Thursday 27th March 2014, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. A number of CCM players will be taking part with students as they rotate through a skills based circuit.

As a wonderful reward for attending...

- Each participant will complete a registration card which will go into the draw to win a $50 NPBS Savings Account and will be invited to the Central Coast Mariners v Western Sydney Wanderers match on Saturday 29th March with a parent in the Newcastle Permanent Suite, and will enjoy the game in the company with three CCMC players.

- Every participant who completes all the circuit activities will go into the draw to win a major $1000 NPBS savings account! This will be drawn at half time at the CCMC v WSW match on 29th March.

As this is not a school activity there must be a parent in attendance for supervision of your own child.

Thanks,

Lyndall Coles
Teacher Librarian
Gosford East Public School
This term the school disco will be held on Wednesday 9th April.

| Kindy & Stage 1 | 5:00 – 6:00pm | $4.00 |
| Stage 2 & 3    | 6:15 – 7:30pm | $4.50 |

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

Mel Hogston
P & C Committee member

The staff at Gosford East Public School are happy to support School Discos by providing supervision during these events. Your co-operation would greatly assist us with providing a safe and enjoyable disco for your child.

- The discos are for current GEP students only. Students are to arrive no more than 10 minutes prior to their disco session and are to be collected promptly at the finish of their Disco session.
- No child will be permitted to play in the playground at any time during the disco evening.
- No parents are allowed into Hall or COLA until the Disco Finishes.
- If a child is not able to separate from their parents and happily attend the Disco under teacher supervision then they should not attend until they can.
- Children must wear suitable dancing shoes at all times and are not to bring balloons, toys or lollies.
- At the conclusion of the Disco, parents will be permitted into the COLA and Hall to collect their child. If another person other than their parent is collecting a child, then a note written by the child's parents authorising this arrangement, must be given to a supervising teacher.

The Teachers enjoy supporting the P&C with this Fundraising event and would appreciate parent’s co-operation to ensure the Disco is fun and safe for all students. We hope that with P&C support we can continue to help provide a safe and successful event.

The staff of Gosford East Public School
Telstra is planning to improve its mobile phone and mobile broadband internet network in your area through the installation of a new facility at the rear of 103 Victoria Street, East Gosford.

As a further part of this community consultation process, Telstra is holding two community information sessions as follows:

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You are invited to attend one of the above listed information sessions to discuss the proposed installation with Telstra’s representatives. You are welcome to attend at any time between the start and finish times as there will not be a formal presentation as such.

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**EAST COAST TAEKWONDO ACADEMY**

TERRIGAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
FRIDAY 3:10pm – 4:10pm

GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
TUESDAY 6:30pm – 7:30pm

WOODPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL
FRIDAY 4:45pm – 5:45pm

KES HARTLEY
4TH Dan International Instructor

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