NEWS ‘N’ VIEWS

P & C Association

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

Welcome back to Term 2 at Gosford East and I hope you were able to find some time to enjoy the holidays. This term will be very busy and being only nine weeks it will go very fast.

**NAPLAN**

In Week 3 of this term the annual NAPLAN tests will be held for students in Years 3 and 5. They begin on Tuesday 13\(^{th}\) and finish on Thursday 15\(^{th}\) May. Although NAPLAN is an important indicator it only tests kids on one day for a limited amount of what we teach. We do try to make it as stress free as possible for the students and although we do some preparation for this test we don’t teach to it. We do, however, use the information from this test, along with the many other assessments that we do to monitor children’s progress and for future planning. There is usually quite a bit of media hype about NAPLAN around this time and I encourage families to keep this as low key as possible. In the past many children have had a great deal of anxiety about these tests and it is important that we try to as much as possible make it just another day. If you would like any further information about NAPLAN please don’t hesitate to call your child’s teacher, their supervisor or myself.

**Uniform and Lost Property**

It is at this stage of the year that we have the most number of lost property items handed in. As the mornings get cooler the children begin to wear their jumpers and jackets etc and then during the day as they get warmer they take these off and leave them around. Could you please ensure that all items of clothing, lunch boxes etc are clearly marked with your child’s name so we can have some chance of getting it back to them. Lost property is kept under the stairs near the school office if you ever need to try to look for a lost item.

Graeme McLeod
Principal
## Dates for your calendar

**REMEMBER – Canteen is always closed on Tuesdays**

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<td>P &amp; C meeting in staffroom 7:00pm – All Welcome!</td>
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### NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

**TERM DATES**

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Huge Disco Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone that helped at the disco, it was great to have so many come along. It was also great to have a chat to parents that are happy to give a hand where possible. It was a fab night, the kids looked fantastic with so much effort going into their fancy dress. I hope everyone had a great night! We raised $675.

Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day initiative will be celebrated on Friday 23rd May. This year, the Walk Safely to School Day App is available to download and will allow children, parents and carers to track their kilometres to and from school, time spent walking and their average walking speed. Walk Safely to School Day aims to encourage each Australian child to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by including a walk at the beginning and end of each day to achieve at least 60 minutes of daily exercise to help prevent obesity and other health problems. The event also promotes reduced car-dependency, greater use of public transport, cleaner air, improved diets and road safety to primary school children throughout Australia.

Winter Uniforms

As it becomes colder in Term 2 and 3 the Gosford East Winter Uniform is worn. As a reminder we have listed the winter uniform below to ensure that our students are warm and are looking their best.

**Girls Winter Uniform** - Tartan tunic, white blouse, black or green tights.

**Boys Winter Uniform** - white polo shirt with school emblem, long green blogger pants.

Alternatives: green track pants, green jazz pants (girls) green jumpers with school emblem, water proof jacket.
Books to Boost Brains!

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0.

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held next Tuesday 6th May in the Hall. The stall is always a huge hit with the kids. All gifts will be priced at $5. Additional gifts can be purchased at recess. We need lots of helpers to help sell & wrap gifts for the kids, it’s a very rewarding and enjoyable morning if you can help please complete the slip below and return to the office or simply turn up at 9am on Tuesday morning.

Hope to see you there!

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Stewart House Donation Drive 2014

Stewart House Donation envelopes will be sent home this week in an effort to support the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year. We are asking families to participate in the donation drive by placing a $2 coin into the envelope and returning to school.

By also completing the entry details on the back of the envelope you can go into the draw to with a $4,000 holiday of your choice!

All envelopes must be returned to school by ‘Stewart House Day’ - Friday 9th May to participate in the draw.

Thank you for your support.

The Rhythm Hut

School holiday program out now!

Drumming * Hooping * Kids music classes

Nicky Bomba (John Butler Trio/Melbourne Ska Orchestra)

And lots more!

Check our website or Facebook for more details...

www.therhythmhut.com.au

BUSWAYS CHANGE OF TRAVEL TIME

Commencing Monday 5th May 2014, there will be a change to the time of the Afternoon School Bus #26.

Bus #26 will now be departing Gosford East Public School at 3:14pm which is 6 minutes earlier. It will also arrive at each stop 6 minutes earlier. There will be no change to route instructions, or to the morning service.

For further information, please contact Busways (not the school) on 4368 2277.
Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 2!

Soup is now on our recess menu for 50 cents per cup. There is either chicken noodle or minestrone. Both are “Gluten Free”.

Over the next few weeks you may see some holes appear in the roster as some of my regulars have had work commitments change.

If you can spare some time please give me a call on 0414 907 968.

Thanks
Jo C
29 April: Captain Cook Landed - Captain Cook was an English navigator and explorer. On his first voyage to the Great Southern Ocean he landed at Botany Bay, New South Wales in 1770 and claimed the land for the British Crown. The British did not acknowledge Aboriginal custodianship of the land; they assumed the land was 'Terra Nullius' or empty land.

30 April: International Guide Dog Day - The first Guide Dog organisation in Australia started in Perth in 1951 following the arrival of guide dog 'Dreena' from the UK in August 1950. By 1957 there were Guide Dog Associations in each state. It costs about $6,000 to breed and train a dog for four months and another $6,000 to train the dog and person together for one month. A further $6,000 is spent on follow-up training for the person and dog during its working life. This day is also known as International Day of Celebration for Seeing Eye Dogs.

4 May: International Firefighters’ Day - International Firefighters dedicate their lives to the protection of human and animal life, property and the environment. This commitment is often at the risk of their own lives. On this day, society can show its support and appreciation for the protection provided by firefighters.

5 May: Kodomo no Hi (Children’s Day) (Japan & Korea) - Kodomo no Hi (Children’s Day) was introduced in 1948. Dolls and kites are the main symbols/toys of this celebration.

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LUNCH BOX IDEAS

ANTS ON A LOG

- 8 celery ribs, each cut into 3 pieces (3 to 4 inches each)
- 230 g cheesecake cream cheese spread or cream cheese spread
- raisins or yogurt covered raisins

Directions:
1. Fill celery with cream cheese spread and smooth with knife.
2. Add a row of raisins for the "ants".
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DON’T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Apply before 5pm
Friday 13 June 2014

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

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