NEWS ‘N’ VIEWS

Artwork by: Niamh 5/6S

P & C Association

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

**OPERATION ART**

Congratulations to our talented Operation Art winners whose art works have been selected to represent Gosford East in the Operation Art Competition. Operation Art is state wide, annual competition which selects 50 pieces of art from the many hundreds submitted by primary school students, to hang in the art gallery of the Children’s Hospital Westmead. The final 50 pieces will spend a year being shown in regional galleries before they are hung in the Children’s Hospital Gallery. Well done to our budding young artists!

**NAPLAN**

Good luck this week to all our Year 3 and Year 5 students who will be sitting the NAPLAN tests all this week.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Hopefully if you ordered school photos you would have received them this week. If you did not receive what you ordered please contact the school office.

**P & C**

The monthly P&C meeting is on this Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the staff room. Apart from the usual discussions, the executive of the school will be presenting a new positive reward system that will be trialled as part of our Welfare System to the P&C for their input. If you are able to come to this meeting your attendance will be most welcomed.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

Thank you once again to Mel Hogston and her team of helpers for organising the Mother’s Day Stall. It ran so smoothly and the kids really did enjoy buying gifts for their mums.

**Dance Groups**

Congratulations once again to our Dance Group for their acceptance into this year’s Central Coast Dance Festival. When the tickets go on sale I encourage you to purchase as soon as possible, as historically they are sold very quickly. I am very much looking forward to watching our group which I know will perform very well.

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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Congratulations to our cross country runners who have made it through to next Friday’s District Cross Country! Best of Luck!

AFL – Tony Lockett Shield

Excitement is building for our AFL stars with the Tony Lockett Shield being held on Friday, 6th June at Hylton Moore Oval, East Gosford. Parents are welcome to come along and support our team. Limited canteen facilities will be available at the field on the day.

Parent Reminders

School Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is located above the canteen and operates on Fridays from 8:30am – 9:30am during school terms, or by appointment. Please contact Sam McCartin on 0423 288 953.

As the weather begins to change, children often begin their school day wearing their winter jumpers then take them off throughout the day as they warm up. If you could please ensure your child’s name is clearly marked on all items of clothing it would be of great assistance in reducing confusion and lost property throughout the term.

Kindergarten 2015

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten next year. Your child can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five on or before 31st July in that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday. If you are unsure as to whether or not your child is ready for school you are welcome to discuss this with us, or seek advice from their preschool teacher.
CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD:
Sasha, Jamie, Patian, Lucy.

QUALITY WORK:

HOUSE OF THE WEEK:
Kiara

MERIT AWARDS:

OTHER:
Good job to the artists in our school. Good job to the people who got ribbons for the school cross country!
Hi Everyone

It’s Volunteer Week! Thank you to all our volunteers that help keep our canteen open throughout the year. We are so privileged at Gosford East PS to have such a wonderful and supportive community. Many thanks!

Please remember that sauce is included in the price of hot dogs and burgers. If you don’t want any sauce please write it on the bag. However, anything you need a squeezie sauce for – pies, sausage rolls, yummy drummies etc – the cost is 30c each sauce.

Our slushie machine is currently out of order but will be up and running soon – we hope. In the meantime if there are orders for slushies your child is offered another icecream up to the value of a slushie and change is given.

Thanks
Jo C
14 May: Vesak/Wesak (Buddhism) - In the southern Buddhist or Theravada tradition, the three important events in Buddha's life (his birth, enlightenment and death) are all celebrated on the first full moon in May.

15 May: International Day of Families - In 1993, the United Nations General Assembly decided that as from 1994, 15 May would be celebrated as the International Day of Families. The purpose of this day is to increase awareness of family issues and improve the institutional capability of nations to tackle serious family-related problems with comprehensive policies.

17 May: World Telecommunication Day - This day was established to commemorate the foundation on 17 May, 1865 of the International Telecommunication Union.

17 May: International Day Against Homophobia - World The feature of this day is to raise awareness about discrimination and to work towards creating a prejudice free world where everyone can contribute regardless of their sexual orientation.

17-18 May: Red Shield Appeal - Each year the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal raises funds for its community Service program. Volunteer collectors raise funds to support programs as those for homeless persons, families in need, nursing homes and prison chaplains.

18 May: International Museum Day - This day highlights the place of museums in the world today and the part they play as a means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among all people.

20 May: Dahwa Id Yamana (Mandaean) - This means Feast of John and is the celebration of the birthday of John the Baptist.

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**LUNCH BOX IDEAS**

**HEARTY PASTA SOUP**

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1l vegetable stock
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 200g frozen mixed peas and beans
- 250g pack fresh filled tortellini (we used spinach and ricotta)
- handful of basil leaves (optional)
- grated parmesan (or vegetarian alternative), to serve

**Directions:**

1. Heat oil in a pan. Fry the carrots and onion for 5 mins until starting to soften. Add the stock and tomatoes, then simmer for 10 mins. Add the peas and beans with 5 mins to go.
2. Once veg is tender, stir in the pasta. Return to the boil and simmer for 2 mins until the pasta is just cooked. Stir in the basil, if using. Season, then serve in bowls topped with a sprinkling of Parmesan and slices of garlic bread.

Recipe from Good Food magazine, *March 2008*
CONGRATULATIONS to the GEPS Operation Art winners:

Niamh for her oil pastel self-portrait called 'Mew Mew Style'.

Poorva for her watercolour painting called 'Country House'.

Piper for her paperwork art called 'The Dancer'.

Thank you GEPS P&C for paying to enter these three amazing artworks into the Operation Art Competition.

This year, GEPS also had five finalists:

Chloe for her drawing using oil pastels and newspaper, called 'Happy Land'.

Noah for his photograph called 'Sunset at Green Point'. 
Zara for her drawing using oil pastels and paint called 'Turtle Having Fun'.

Bella for her drawing using oil pastels and newspaper, called 'Bella’s City'.

Kaden for his painting using oil pastels and salt, called 'Sparkle Jellyfish'.

The five finalists will have their artworks framed and displayed in the school hall.

Congratulations to all of the entrants of the GEPS Operation Art competition. It has been wonderful and exciting to see just how many children we have in this school that are willing to 'have a go'!!!

Thank you once again to the P&C for supporting the GEPS Operation Art competition.

Linden Connell