FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

**Kindergarten Transition**

This Friday our new Kindergarten students for 2016 will be coming here for their first transition session at our school. It is an exciting time and I look forward very much to meeting our new students. We have quite a large group attending so it will be a busy time. Thank you to all of our staff, Jo in the canteen, who now coordinates the uniform shop and our P & C for all the preparation they have put into this program.

**EHS Little Day Out and Cares Program**

Today 35 of our students attended Erina Highs Little Day Out which is for not only our Year 6 students that will be attending Erna High next year but for other students in Year 6. Today they will participate in a wide range of activities which will allow them to meet other students and become more aware of the high school environment in a fun way. Erina High has a great transition program and we cannot thank them enough for what they do to support our kids, even those that will not be attending their school. Some Year 6 students will also be also attending Erina High School tomorrow for an additional session that I am sure that will help them even more in their transition to High School.

Most of our Year 5 student attended the CARES program today up at Kangy Angy where they learn about road safety in a real environment using bikes etc. It is run by NSW Police and we appreciate this program that is so beneficial for our students.

**Performance Evening**

As you are aware in less than a month we will be having our performance showcase evening where nearly the whole school will be performing, either in one of our 8 dance groups, two choirs, or class performances. Some tickets are still available. This should be a great evening which will showcase the great talents of our students.

Graeme McLeod

Principal
DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER

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3rd Nov - Author Visit Stage 3
4th Nov - Year 5 Little Day Out EHS
5th Nov - CARES Year 6
11th Nov - Primary Fun Day EHS
23rd Nov - Bullying Show

REGULAR EVENTS...

Student Banking - Wednesday
School Assembly – 1:45pm Friday in hall
Uniform Shop – see Jo in canteen
TERM 4 – 6/10/2015 – 16/12/2015

STUDENT CORNER ASSEMBLY NEWS

Caught You Being Good
Kaden, Ronan, Aaron, Kade, Emma, Zac, Katie, Kaden, Anne, Dylan, Piper, Thalia, Liam, Chloe, Jude.

Quality Work
Logan, Samuel, Mitchell, Kyan, Josh, Connor, Martika, Chloe, Mitchell, Angel, Lachlan, Sasha, Cameron, Stacey, Liam, Emily.

House of the Week : Kiara

Merit Awards

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Other
Ebony, Romy, Billy
Last Tuesday 21 GEPS students embarked on a massive, but exciting day. The very dedicated and committed group joined with hundreds of other students and formed a mass choir. Both the matinee and evening shows were sold out and the performances were a huge success showcasing the amazing choral abilities of central coast public education children.

I would like to commend the GEPS students for their long term commitment to this Festival. They gave up one lunch time each week for close to a year and attended numerous excursions to practise the songs. A lot of hard work went in to getting performance ready.

To add to that 2 GEPS boys (Lachlan and Thomas) also participated in the ‘Boy’s Choir’ which had more practises on top of the regular ones. The boys really shines with their harmonising and rapping on performance night.

Thank you parents for your assistance in helping to make the performance day run smoothly. I know Tuesday night was a late one for you too!!! Without your support these events wouldn’t happen.

We’ve come to the end of the Choral Festival for another 2 years, some fun times were shared and wonderful memories made.

Linden Connell

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**HARMONY CORNER**

**28 October - Universal Children’s Day (Australia)** - Universal Children’s Day has been celebrated around the world since 1954. In Australia, it is always celebrated on the fourth Wednesday in October. UNICEF Australia chooses the theme for Australian children to focus their activities.

**29 October – Festival of Fisher’s Ghost, Campbelltown** Each November, the legendary Festival of Fisher’s Ghost comes alive in Campbelltown. The Festival is steeped in history, dating back to 1956. It is named after Australia’s most famous ghost, Frederick Fisher, who died in 1826.

**30 October - Teachers’ Day (Australia)** In Australia, Teacher’s Day is always held on the last Friday of October. On this day public attention is drawn to the challenges facing teachers and related issues around the quality and financing of education in Australia.
On Tuesday 20th October, Kindergarten enjoyed a wonderful excursion to Gosford High School where we visited the farm to learn more about the animals and plants that are looked after there. We saw a range of animals such as cows, sheep, pigs, piglets, chickens, ducks and we even got to hold some brand new baby chicks. The students have been learning about farms and what they produce and seeing it in real life was a real treat.

After the trip to the farm Kindergarten then went to Elizabeth Ross Park for an ice-block to cool down, a play on the equipment and then we had a picnic lunch. All students were well-behaved and had a great time on their very first big-school excursion.

A big thank you goes to Mr Jackson from Gosford High School and his Year 9 and 10 Agricultural students who gave us a look into what farm life is like and allowed us to have such fun getting up close to all the animals.

Kindergarten Teachers

Some very excited Kindergarten students ready for their first excursion

Feeding the Sheep

Mr Jackson talking to the students about farms

And what we might find on them.
NOTES HOME

- Conjunctivitis Alert

CANTEEN NEWS

Hi Everyone,

It’s Bandanna Day on Friday of this week. We have bandannas for $4 each and pens for $3 each. Please support this worthy cause.

We now have a canteen Facebook group where you can keep up to date with all things canteen. It’s under GEPS Canteen – of course!

Thanks
Jo

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STORY TIME IN KIBBLE PARK

Once Upon a Scary Night..

Friday 6 November 2015, from 5pm to 6.30pm

Join the Library Children’s team in the presentation of night-time stories in Kibble Park.

Featuring readings of Scary Night by Lesley Gibbe & Stephen Michael King, Edward the Emu by Sheena Knowles, and other favourite, possibly spooky, night stories.

Includes face painting from 5pm to 5.30pm and then stories from 5.30pm 6.30pm.

Come dressed ready for night-time. This event will coincide with GBID’s Live From Five event in Kibble Park:


Enquiries: 4304 7500
Claire Stuckey
Children’s Librarian | Library Services
Gosford City Council
www.gosford.nsw.gov.au

DIABETES “WALK”

I'd like to thank you first of all for helping to promote our last year's Central Coast "walk" which helps raise funds for research to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. The name of the "Walk" has changed from "Walk to Cure Diabetes" to JDRF One Walk to make people more aware that it is to raise funds for research for Type 1 specifically.

It was wonderful that your school was able to help make people aware of this fundraiser. Over the last 2 years, the Central Coast has raised approximately $50,000 towards this very worthy cause. It is so important to find a cure for this disgusting 'silent' disease. It will give many families peace of mind so they can go to bed at night and not have to be on constant alert in case their child goes hypoglycaemic and then into a coma and then even possibly dies.

I wonder if it would be possible for your school to help promote this year's "Walk" again, whether by putting our poster in you newsletter or just by putting it on your noticeboard.

It would also be wonderful if you have diabetic children at the school if the school could get a team together to participate in the "Walk". The day is set to be a fun family day.

Thank you very much. If you have any questions, my number is 0416013388.

I have attached a letter from JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation ) to show that this is a genuine request and I have also attached our promotional poster.

Kind regards

Margaret Sheridan
Hi all,

Our next fundraiser is supporting one of our lovely Mum's Kate, who has recently started her own business, Jimmy Halfpenny.

Check out the info in this newsletter and separate notes should be home by the end of the week, so look out for them.

I'm still looking for businesses to support our Christmas Raffle so if you know of anyone who'd like to contribute, please let me know or leave a message at the office. My number is 0413 199 647. We will also be advertising these businesses in the newsletter to acknowledge their support.

Mel Hogston
P & C Fundraising

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JIMMY HALFPENNY - Kids Art Books - School Fundraiser

We are pleased to announce that we will be partnering with a local business - Jimmy Halfpenny as a fundraiser for our school. Jimmy Halfpenny provides a hassle-free solution to capturing your children's creative artwork for a lifetime, in a completely original, personalised, gorgeous hardcover book. We are being offered a huge 25% discount off their RRP and once we achieve 20 book sales our school will receive 10% of all sales! The School Special includes a book with up to 30 pieces of Artwork included. An example book can currently be be found on display at the school office. Please feel free to drop by, have a look and register your interest or complete and return the slip at the bottom of the note sent home, so that you can receive a Jimmy Halfpenny Starter Kit to get you on your way to finally organising those masterpieces just in time for Christmas!

All artwork, order forms and payments are to be returned to the school office by Friday 13th November 2015. Your books are expected to be available for collection by the end of term, should there be any delays, an alternative delivery /collection date will be arranged.
1. **Check the uniform requirements of your child’s school.**
Some schools will allow black running style shoes while others may require more formal black school shoes.

2. **Buy shoes at the end of the day.**
Children’s feet become a little swollen at the end of the day. Fitting shoes at this time will ensure their feet have enough room.

3. **Take a clean pair of your child’s school socks to the fitting.**
Socks come in many different thicknesses so it makes sense to fit the shoes with the correct school socks. It is also a good hygiene practice to protect both your child and the next child to try on those shoes.

4. **If your child wears Orthotics take them with you to the fitting.**
Most good school shoes should accommodate orthotics.

5. **Look for better quality footwear.**
Despite the higher initial expense, the longevity of shoes with quality rubber soles and double stitching may save you money in the long term.

6. **Select shoes with good firm fastenings.**
Adjustable fastenings such as laces, velcro or buckles will ensure maximum support even if the shoe stretches a little with time or thinner socks are used.

7. **Select a shoe with a firm midsole.**
The sole of the shoe should have some movement but should not be easily twisted. It will make both of your lives much easier!

8. **Always measure both feet when fitting school shoes.**
Most people have one foot a slightly different length and width to their other foot. Most are very minor differences however some can vary by a full size or more.

9. **Look for a thumb width.**
There should be about a child’s thumb width between the end of the shoe and the end of the longest toe.

10. **Look for some toe wiggle.**
Your child should be able to wiggle their toes freely inside the shoe with little or no restriction.
NORTHCOTT’S
Outdoor movie night

To celebrate another school year, school aged children with a disability and their families are invited to a viewing of HOME. Bring a picnic blanket and relax under the stars in a safe and supported environment with other families from the Gosford area. There will be fun activities, a sausage sizzle and other stalls before the movie starts.

This event wouldn’t be possible without the fundraising efforts of Seymour Whyte and the Cerebral Palsy League’s Metal for Mobility program.

WHEN: Friday 27th November 2015
TIME: 5.30pm – 9.30pm
WHERE: Henry Kendall High Batley Street, Gosford
COST: Free
Submit your expression of interest to Jodie Wilkins by 20 November:
PH: 0409 293 826 (please leave your details for Jodie to call you back if you don’t get through)
Email: jodie.wilkins@northcott.com.au

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