FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Due to the short week next week this will be the last newsletter for the year. Students finish school next Wednesday with staff attending school next Thursday and Friday for Training and Development.

Staff return Wednesday 27th January for a staff development day and students return Thursday 28th January. The school office will be open on this day. The school uniform shop will be open on the 27th January between 10:00am and 1:00pm

End of Year Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who has attended the school for one or more of the many functions that we have had over the last few weeks. We have had so many events happening including our Performance Night, Christmas Concert, Sports Assembly, Kindergarten Graduation, Year 6 Graduation and on Friday our Presentation Assembly and then next Tuesday our Year 6 Farewell. These are all very special occasions and without the support from parents and families these events these would not be the same.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for the great year we have all had. It has been exceptionally busy and I have really enjoyed watching our students develop and grow under our great teaching and support staff. Thank you to everyone for the support that they have provided me and the school and I am very much looking forward to next year.

I do hope that you get a lot of time to spend with your kids over the holiday period. Have a great Christmas and New Year.

Graeme McLeod

Principal
DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER

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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

P & C NEWS

Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 10th December and the winners announced at the Presentation Day Assembly on Friday 11th December.
Have a wonderful and safe Christmas and relaxing holidays.

“Also big thanks to all our school families who have assisted in school activities, the P&C members for their help this year and a special shout out to Donna Farrell whose youngest child is graduating Year 6. Best wishes and Happy Christmas!”

Wendy Whitmore
P & C

Wheeling & Able

IGA
LOST PROPERTY

As usual we have a large amount of lost property. Lost items include jumpers, jackets lunch boxes and drink bottles. Lost property will be displayed outside the cola next Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December. If you are missing items, please come and have a look. Lots of clothing is not labelled with students names, which makes it particularly difficult to return.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

On behalf of the Heart Foundation, I am writing to express our thanks to the students, families, friends and staff of Gosford East Public School for participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program in 2015. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Hayley Roberts, whose efforts in co-ordinating the program greatly contributed to its success.

Critical to the success of Jump Rope for Heart is the passion, motivation and commitment of teaching staff that co-ordinate the program within the school. The commitment of staff just like Hayley has a positive impact not only on the health of the students but also in the heart health of the broader community. Hayley has been a true heart health champion and should be commended for the time and dedication spent facilitating the Jump Rope for Heart within your school.

We are most appreciative of the $5,574.19, raised by your school community. Heart disease remains the single leading cause of death in Australia. By supporting the Heart Foundations Jump Rope for Heart, your school community is making a positive contribution to the health of all Australians, raising much needed funds for heart research.

We trust that Jump Rope has contributed to the health of your students by encouraging healthy lifestyle behaviours and showing them the many benefits of participating in regular physical activity.

Once more, thank you for your invaluable support and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2016.

Kind regards,

Melissa Howarth

National JRFH Field Officer (ACT, VIC & NSW)
Last week the library was turned into a maker space! Everyone made something. We made Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands.

Stage 3 were given the challenge to design and make a marble maze. They were very busy. Check out our great makers! And thank you Mrs Learmonth for organising all this fun in my absence. The students had a ball.

Library Stocktake

We are currently conducting the end of year stocktake. There are still many books outstanding and many missing items. If you have any books at home with a school stamp inside could you please return them as soon as possible. Lost and missing books add to our running costs when we need to replace titles.

Thank you

Mrs Lyndall Coles
Hi Everyone,

No long to go now! There are no sushi orders this week, due to the end of the year. Please remember to put a second option on any lunch orders that you send in, as stocks are running down.

Have an excellent Christmas and a safe holiday period.

Thanks
Jo

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

**Thank you to our School Banking Co-ordinator**

We would like to thank Donna Ryan who has volunteered as our School Banking Co-ordinator since August 2010.

Our volunteers in School Banking are vital in helping teach students the importance of saving regularly.

Thank you for your time and efforts Donna, you will be missed!

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**The Point Cafe @ The Japanese Gardens**

Join us Monday - Friday for Breakfast only $10.90 for bacon, eggs, hash brown and tomato or have a coffee and cake for only $8.00 when you mention you are a Gosford East Public School member.

I will also send through our new Sunday Buffet options which is $25 for a buffet each Sunday ($12 for children) that will start in December.

It would be great to have some of your families join us.

We look forward to catering your year 6 dinner.
10 December - Human Rights Day  The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December, 1948. The Declaration proclaims a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

11 December - International Mountain Day  was established in 2003 following the UN International Year of Mountains 2002. The proclamation of this day on an annual basis provides a continuing opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of mountains, to consider the impact of development on mountains and their human inhabitants, flora, fauna and natural resources, and to build partnerships that foster positive change to the world’s mountains and highlands and their communities and the sustainable management of mountain biodiversity.
School Holidays Ahead!

Will you need someone reliable to look after your children?

Contact Auntie Jay's Nanny Service

East Gosford and surrounding suburbs only

$15 per hour between 8am and 6pm

$20 per hour after 6pm till late (min 3 hours)

Sorry cannot work where there is a dog in the family

Cats are fine

Auntie Jay holds a current

*Working with Children Check Certificate

* First Aid Certificate.

*References available.

Phone 0408 240 035   Email zabet@ozemail.com.au

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GOSFORD EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOC

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P & C Association will be holding our annual Christmas raffle to raise funds for much needed resources on next year's wish list.

Due to time restraints, the raffle will be pre drawn in Mr. McLeod's office with several witnesses and announced at the Presentation assembly on Friday 11th December. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5 and due back by Wednesday 9th December to the office. Each sold ticket book returned will receive a 2 for 1 ticket for Intensity Erina.

Below is the list so far of donations with many more to come. A complete list will be distributed one week prior to the raffle.

- Jimmy Halpeny- $100 gift certificate (1 regular art book, up to 30 pieces of art)
- Interiors by Chloe- $50 gift certificate
- Powerhouse Museum Sydney- 2 x 2 adult passes
- Taronga Zoo- 2 x Adult passes
- IGFA East Gosford- 4 x $20 gift certificate
- Liquor Stax East Gosford- 4 x $20 gift certificate
- Intensity Erina- 2 x $128 party packs
- Everything Cubs East Gosford- pack of 4 puzzles, craft activity and game
- One Stop School Shop- 2 x classroom Value Packs, one boy and one girl prize
- Masterfoods Goody Bag
- Entertainment Book- family donation
- Myer Voucher $50- family donation
- Decorative Cushion Set x 4- Linda McCayart
- Fahrenheit Cafe East Gosford- Lunch Voucher for two
- Bendigo Bank- 6 x Goody Bags
- Chemist Outlet East Gosford- gift hamper
- Subway Gosford- Large Sandwich platter valued at $55
- TFE Hotel Gift Certificate- One nights accommodation for two adults incl. breakfast
- East Gosford Butchers- $30 Voucher
- Commonwealth Bank- Goody Bag
- Kincumber Butcher- $30 Voucher
- Arbonne Products Gift Hamper- Denise Aris
- Helen O'Grady Drama Academy Term Scholarship valued at $100