Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a new school year and I hope that your children had a great break. The school is very settled and all of our students have started in the classes in a happy and productive way.

A very warm welcome to our new kindergarten and our other new students and their families that have joined us this year. Kindergarten have settled in very well and we were very excited to meet our new students.

I would also like to welcome Mr Trevor Boff and Miss Hailey Roberts that have joined us this year. They are both excellent teachers and we are lucky to have them.

Classes

As you are probably aware the number of students that a school has determines the number of classes that we have. We currently have 12 mainstream classes and 3 Support Classes. If two more children arrive at our school we will be able to form another class. This will not impact students in Years 3 - 6 but it may mean that children in Kindergarten to Year 2 change classes as we will have an extra teacher. We will of course notify you before this occurs. Classes are very full and another class would assist us to make these classes smaller.

The current class structure and staffing are below:

Ms Tara Edwards  KE
Mrs Lauren Flynn  KF
Mrs Jo Hextall  K/1H
Mrs Caroline Pope  1P
Mr Trevor Bof  1/2B
Mrs Bridget Scott  2S
Mr Rade Travica  2T
Miss Hayley Roberts  3/4R
Mr Mark Emery  3/4E
Ms Margaret Sansom  4/5S
Miss Lara Middleton  5/6M
Mrs Jodie Campbell  5/6C
Mr Ben Wilkinson  K-5B
Mrs Margaret Wright  K-6W
Mrs Natalie McIver  3/6M
**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Class parent / teacher information sessions will be held on 18th February in classrooms. Times are as follows:

- K-2 5:00pm to 5:30pm
- 3-4 5:30pm to 6:00pm
- 5-6 6:00pm to 6:30pm

**P & C Meeting**

The next P and C meeting will be held next Wednesday in the staff room commencing at 7-00 pm. If you are able to join us your attendance will be warmly welcomed I am sure. It is a great opportunity to hear what is happening at the school and join other parents in assisting the school in so many ways.

**Swimming Carnival**

A reminder that our annual swimming carnival is being held next Monday at Gosford Pool for Years 3-6. If you are able to join us the children would enjoy your support. We are always after parent helpers on the day so if you are able to assist please see Mark Emery.

Graeme McLeod  
Principal

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**Dates for your Calendar**

*REMEMBER – Canteen is always closed on Tuesdays*

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**VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**

After many years of remaining the same, the voluntary school contribution has had a slight increase this year to $45.00 per student.

These funds are used to purchase art, craft and other consumable items for individual use in classrooms. These items are not funded by the government but must come out of the school’s budget.

This contribution can now be sent in via your child in a clearly marked envelope with your child’s name, class and what the payment is for. Envelopes are available outside the school office.

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**PAYMENT ENVELOPES**

Payment envelopes are available at the desk outside the school office. Please use these envelopes to send in payments for your child. These envelopes should be returned with the correct money/cheque and the permission note sealed inside, with your child by the due date. Please ensure you put the child’s full name as it appears on their enrolment form and their class name.

Envelopes are then handed by your child to their teacher in class and sent to the Office for receipting. Receipts are sent back to the class for distribution by the classroom teacher each day. Alternatively, envelopes can be handed in to the front office for receipting. The envelopes have a section for credit card payments to be sent in and processed manually as well.

EFTPOS is still available in the office between 9am and 3pm.

Julie Griffith

School Admin Manager
**STUDENT BANKING**

Student Banking commences this week. Please bring your banking into office on Wednesdays. Happy Saving!!!!!!

**DANCE GROUPS NOW OPEN**

Miss Middleton (5/6M) has opened up dance group placements. Please speak to your child about this to ensure they join a group if they are interested. All interested students are to inform Miss Middleton.

**HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Last Friday the following students were elected for the positions of House Captains and Vice Captains. Congratulations!!! Badges will be presented at the assembly on Friday 6th February.

- **Chakola** - House Captains are Levi and Niamh
  Vice Captains are Jake and Tyler
- **Kiara** - House Captains are Oliver and Lara
  Vice Captains are William and Sasha
- **Carathool** - House Captains are Daina and Lachlan
  Vice Captains are Bronte and Mitchell
- **Warrimoo** - House Captains are Cameron and Stacey
  Vice Captains are Liam and Bianca

**KINDERGARTEN START TIMES**

We welcome our new Kindergarten students and hope they are settling in well. Kindergarten students have different start and finish times for the first few weeks. Please see below for times:

- **Monday 2nd Feb - Friday 6th Feb**  9:30am to 2:30pm
- **Monday 9th Feb - Friday 20th Feb**  9:00am to 2:30pm
- **Monday 23rd Feb - onwards**  9:00am to 3:00pm

Please organise for your child to have a drink and food for both recess and lunch each day, particularly Tuesdays when the canteen is closed.

Thankyou
Kindergarten Teachers

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**NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS**

**TERM DATES**

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Welcome to all our new parents and welcome back to all our GEP’S regulars! Hope you all had a great holiday.

At this stage there are no changes to our canteen price list, however, a review of this will be done in the coming month.

The volunteer helper roster is very open at the moment so if you have put your name down please check with me in the Canteen or call/text on 0414 907 968 to confirm your starting dates.

There are two “Special” lunch dates for your diary already!! Flyers are attached:

Swimming Carnival Lunch - swimming participants and parents can order for next Monday. Those staying at school are able to order as usual from the normal menu.

Pancake Day - Ours is on the Wednesday since we are closed on Tuesday. Please limit pancakes to two per person as these are the large ones. Single topping orders would be appreciated.

Jo C
4 February - World Cancer Day An international group of leading researchers, government officials and patient advocates met at a World Summit Against Cancer in Paris, 3-4 February 2000. The purpose of the summit was to renew worldwide commitment to the prevention and treatment of cancer for the new millennium. This day marks that commitment for the 21st century.

6 February - Waitangi Day Waitangi Day commemorates the signing of a treaty at Waitangi, New Zealand on 6 February 1840 by a group of Maori chiefs and the British Government’s representative Lieutenant Governor Hobson. The treaty was subsequently signed by other Maori chiefs in various locations throughout the country.

8 February - Parinirvana in the Buddhist northern tradition this day commemorates the death of Buddha and his entry into Nirvana. In Northern Tradition some temples the lights in the great meditation hall are extinguished and the entire congregation meditates (Buddhist) and chants particular scriptures before the lamps are re-lit. This ritual expresses the hope that the teachings of the Buddha will endure for all time. It is also celebrated on 15 February by other Buddhist groups.

9 February - St Maroun’s Feast Day On this day some 10 million Maronites around the world pay their respects to the priest Maroun (Christian-Maronite) (340-410 AD) founder of the Maronite church. The Maronite church belongs to the Eastern ‘rite’ of the Catholic church and began in what is now known as Turkey. There is a number of Maronite churches in Australia.

OURIMBAH RAZORBACKS RUGBY UNION

Razorbarks Rugby Club prides itself on being a family club that caters for all ages from Under 7s upwards.

Players from Under 7s to Under 13s are invited to make new friends and have fun in a safe and family-friendly environment from our home turf in Ourimbah

Registration Fees: U7, U8 & U9 FREE. U10, U11 & U12 $50 & U13 $110

INCLUDES shorts, socks and polo shirt for all new players.

REGISTRATION DATES:
8th & 15th February, Razorbarks Rugby Club, 10 Chittaway Rd, Ourimbah, 3 - 6pm
Approximate season length: April - late August.

NEED MORE INFO:
Don't hesitate to call Cathie Ropoama on 0425 283 451
Website: www.razorbarks.com.au
A free, fun way to health and fitness for your child... Interested?

The Go4Fun Program is a **FREE** healthy lifestyle program aimed at helping children 7-13 years, above their healthy weight become fitter, healthier and happier!

The **once per week program** runs during school term for **10 weeks** at Mingara Recreation Club, Wyong Pool, Gosford Olympic Pool and the Peninsula Leisure Centre. It is **completely free of charge** to participants. Don't miss out! This is the final week of registrations for Term 1, 2015. Registrations for Term 2 open soon, place your name on the waitlist to reserve your place.

For information contact **Amanda** on **4394 7974** or to register for the program:

Free call **1800 780 900** Register online at **www.go4fun.com.au**

Please note: A parent or carer must accompany each child to every session.

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Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

**Come and Try Guides!**

**At your local Girl Guide unit**

For girls aged 6-17 years

Leadership opportunities for adults 18 years and over

Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities: games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings -

Region Membership Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au

Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW

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Wyoming Narara Netball Club is a family oriented club, looking for registrations in all age groups, Net-Set-Go ages 5-7, Nettas aged 8-9, Juniors 10+ and Seniors too – Sign Mum up as well!!

Play from 28th March to early September. For more information please contact either:

**wnncsec@gmail.com** or Cheryl Hogan on 0414 533 452.

Register now by emailing us or in person on **Saturday 7th February 10am-2pm** at Wyoming Shopping Centre

Come & join the blue & gold!
TENNIS COACHING – ERINA
FIRST LESSON FREE
Mark Presdee member of Tennis Australia
Erina Courts – Karalta Road Erina

**Thursday** afternoons 3:15pm – 4:15pm and 4:15pm – 5:15pm
**Fridays** 3:15pm – 4:00pm and 4:00pm – 5:00pm
**Saturday Mornings** 8:00am – 9:00am and 9:00am – 10am

Also Tennis HOTSHOTS Program for 4-12 years of age
New pupils welcome – all grades
Enquiries Mobile: 0403 499 308

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Gosford Rugby Club

ABN: 80 909 613 736
PO Box 2269 Gosford NSW 2250

**COME PLAY RUGBY FOR GOSFORD!**
A great family club where you can play in a fun, safe and friendly environment. Registration fees include shorts, socks and training shirt - discount for siblings.

**REGISTRATION DATES:**
Every Saturday in February we will be taking registrations at various locations. Please see our website for more details -
**Saturday 7th February**
West Gosford McDonalds & Wyoming Shopping Centre 10am – 2pm

**Saturday 15th February**
Wyoming McDonalds & Gosford Showground 10am – 2pm

**Saturday 22nd February**
West Gosford McDonalds & Wyoming Shopping Centre 10am – 2pm

**Saturday 28th February**
Wyoming McDonalds & Gosford Showground 10am – 2pm

Not sure about playing rugby? Come along to our “Come & Try” Nights on Friday 20th & 27th February from 5-6pm at the Gosford Showground.

**Contact Details**
www.gosford.rugbynet.com.au
Andrew – 0417 288 445
or
Kate – 0411 094 859

The Central Coast Club with the most premierships in 2014!!
Suzuki Beach Fest 2015

Event Overview:
What: Surfing and Bodyboard Competition, Ocean Swim, Beach Fun Run, Plenty of Family Entertainment
When: 7th & 8th February - 7am - 4pm
Where: Avoca Beach
Web: www.ccbeachfest.com.au

The Central Coast’s own surf festival, Beach Fest 2015 is on again. There will be plenty of action all weekend with Surfing and Bodyboarding competitions, an Ocean Swim and a Beach Fun Run.

Beach Fest 2015 is presented by Gosford City Suzuki and will be held on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th February at Avoca Beach.

The Ocean Swim comprises of two races. One swim will be held over the distance of 500 metres and the second held over 2 kilometres. Water safety will be conducted by members of the North Avoca SLSC and includes rubber duckies, a jet ski and an army of volunteers on boards and ski’s watching over the course. The swims will be hotly contested up front, however, there will be plenty of ‘back of the pack’ swimmers taking part with flippers and wetsuits with the simple aim of completing the course in a respectable time.

New to Suzuki Beach Fest is a Fun Run which will be held on the beach over both 2 & 4 kilometres. While the beach run will have plenty of serious runners aiming to take out the title, the fun run is also aimed at families just wanting to take part with the entry fee for kids under 16 costing just $5. Whether you run, jog or walk - there is no more picturesque setting to raise your heart rate and work up a sweat than on the golden sands of Avoca Beach.

There will also be plenty of family fun and entertainment on offer with a sand sculpting competition and ice cream eating races, with heaps of great prizes up for grabs.

The event partners of Suzuki Beach Fest are the Central Coast Bodyboarders, Central Coast Christian Surfers and the North Avoca SLSC. For further details log onto www.ccbeachfest.com.au or contact Sheldon Kidd on 0428 447 191.

Thank you

ST EDWARDS RLFC

All players can register online now, more info: http://www.stedwardsrlfc.sportingpulse.net/

Fees: Mini players $105
Sibling Discount $10 for Mod/Int Players
Mod/International $115
Players receive Club Polo Shirt

Registration Dates
Returning players and New to Rugby League:

Sat 7th February - East Gosford Shops
10am - 1pm

All Players:
Sat 14th February - East Gosford Shops
10am - 1pm
Sat 21st February - CCRL Expo Central Coast Stadium, Gosford from 2pm
Registration is available at training Tues and Thurs from 24th Feb
SWIMMING CARNIVAL LUNCH

FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS & TEACHERS!!
ORDER YOUR FRESHLY MADE ROLL OR SALAD BOX
BEFORE GOING TO THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL!!

THEY WILL DELIVERY THEM TO THE POOL JUST
BEFORE LUNCH TIME.

YOUR CHOICE OF EITHER: CHICKEN
OR HAM OR SALAD ROLL $3.50 SALAD BOX
$3.50 MEAT/SALAD BOX $4.30

CHICKEN CAESAR ROLL $4.00
BOX $5.00

VEGEMITE ROLL $1.70 CHEESE

OR EGG ROLL $2.50
CHEESE OR EGG SALAD BOX $4.00

BOTTLED WATER $1.20 PLEASE

RETURN ORDERS BY FRIDAY

NORMAL LUNCHES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO DO
NOT GO TO THE POOL
Big, yummy Pancakes at Recess!!
Wednesday 17th February.
Served with *either*
plain OR with butter OR jam OR maple syrup.
Maximum of 2 per order.
$1.20 each.
These are pancake size not pikelet size.
Single topping orders would be appreciated. Orders must be in by Friday 13th February.
Limited other recess food available.

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Name: _ ___ - Class: _ _

Type of topping and number of pancakes.
Plain____Butter__ Jam__ Maple Syrup____

Please attach order to a bag and enclose the correct money. Thanks.