From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Education Week

On Monday the dance groups and the members from our school that are in the Choral Festival choir did an amazing job performing at Erina Fair. Once again I was very proud of the quality of the performances that our kids do. Thank you so much to our staff for all of the work that they put in to this. Thank you also to the many parents that attended on the day.

Athletics Carnival

Today we had our annual Athletics Carnival and from memory this is one of the only years that we have not had to postpone due to wet weather. I do love the atmosphere of our carnivals, the kids all try their best and the others support them. Our Infants students not only had the opportunity to run in age races but also participate in Tabloid activities. Once again thank you to our amazing staff plus the many parents that helped and were able to attend on the day.

Education Week Assembly & Open Classrooms

Just a reminder that this Friday we will be having our Education Week Assembly at 11:30am which will be followed by Open Classrooms at 12:30pm. You are welcome to join us for lunch at 1:00pm. I do hope that you are able to join us.

P & C Garden Sub Committee

The P & C Garden Sub Committee have been very busy visiting other schools and planning a vegetable and herb garden for our school that will be located near the canteen. They have put many hours of work into this. They have also cleaned up some of the other gardens and revitalised our other vegetable gardens near our main block. A big thank you to all of the sub committee members, you are helping to make the school more environmentally friendly and the children and staff will have the opportunity to incorporate these gardens into their curriculum.

Graeme McLeod
Principal

Notes out this week

Middle Childhood Survey Year 6
Drumbala stage 2&3
Student Corner Assembly News...

Caught You Being Good… Harrison, Kira, Tiger, Anne, Dylan, Peter, Flynn, Reed, Alexander, Liam, Charlotte, Sienna, Daemon, Ava, Alexis, Mackenzie, Zara, Jimmy, Darcy, Lachlan, Gianni, Daniel.

House of the Week… Kiara


Quality Work… Reed, Cameron, Oliver, Lachlan, Sarah, Ashton, Rikki-Lee, Daniel, Ryan, Joshua, Tegan, Thomas, Bianca, Jenna, Ebony, William, Chloe, Jordan.

Other…

Thankyou Ms Nickle for paying a visit!

Great item 5/6M

Congratulations to Sienna 5/6M for getting through to State Finals for Soccer !!!!!
Canteen News...

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to Canteen Week and Education Week!

A HUGE thank you goes out to our 10 regular volunteers who give up their time to assist me with preparing food for the children and teachers in our school! I literally couldn’t do it without you.

Thanks also to those who come in just for an hour or whenever they can to help – your work also does not go unnoticed!

Please remember that helping in the Canteen does not have to be an all day thing. If you can come in for an hour, two or half a day you will be paid in tea and coffee and enjoy seeing the faces of the children as we serve up yummy food. Please think about coming in to lend a hand. The more help there is, the more we can do.

Jo
Canteen Manager

Author Visit...

On Tuesday 11 August, we have a special visit from Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Cameron is visiting Gosford East Public School to run workshops with our students. Cameron will be engaging Year 3-6 students in a Writing Workshop, exploring both writing and illustration skills for creating exciting narratives! Kindergarten-Year 2 students will enjoy an interactive Big Screen Book Reading with Cameron.

In conjunction with the Author Visit, families have a special opportunity to purchase signed and personalized copies of Cameron’s books at special prices. Individual items are $15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will receive an order form on the day of the workshop. Forms and payment can be returned the following day, Wednesday 12th August, to the colourful box in the Office. Cameron will personally sign all books (including the child’s name and a message).

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**Book Week Character Parade...**

On Wednesday 26th August the Library will be holding our “Book Week Character Parade”. This year’s theme is “Books Light Up Our Life”. Students may dress in a costume of their favourite book character or subject, such as Science, Dinosaurs, Space and Pets. I would like students to carry a copy of the book their character comes from, or a small poster of the cover.

Mrs Coles  
Library

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**Become an Ethics Teacher...**

*Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. We are looking for volunteers to teach ethics classes starting in Term 4. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. A two day training program will be held at the Ourimbah campus of the University of Newcastle on 2 and 9 August. For more information about the role and to volunteer, please go to [http://www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or contact the Regional Manager for Primary Ethics, Jenni Bourchier at gosford-region@primaryethics.com.au or on 0411 198 483.*

**Kindergarten Enrolments...**

**KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENTS**

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016.

Some of our families may not be aware that they need to inform us now in the Front Office if they have a child starting next year. This can be done by the parent/caregiver on 4325 2178.

If you know of other families with no children currently at our school, would you please let them know to call the Office to enrol their child.

Our Kindergarten Transition program will be held in Term 4. It will commence on Friday 30th October and conclude on Friday 20th November. The sessions will run from 9:15am -10:45am on Friday mornings. More information will be sent home at the end of the term.

Julie Griffith  
School Admin Manager
**P & C News...**

**Sunshade** - We have been successful in securing a $1500 cheque for the sunshade through the NSW Club Grant Scheme. Well done to Kate G and Mel H who applied for the grant.

**Garden Group** – We are starting a weekly garden group on Friday afternoons from 2:00 – 3:00pm. So far we have started improving the garden near the front office. If any parents or adult family members have an hour so spare, to do a bit of pottering, watering, weeding etc please ask myself, Anibal Z, Dannii V, Natasha R or Michael R for more info. No experience necessary!! We are currently investigating a School Garden Project involving students and teachers.

**Funds** - The P & C will be donating funds for the “iPad Charge and Sync Units” in the near future. This will be a great addition to the iPads the students are currently using.

**New P&C members** - are always welcome - just $2 to join at the next meeting! Find us on Facebook too!

**Education Week** - Enjoy this busy week – Athletics carnival on Wednesday and Education week special assembly/class room visits on Friday.

Remember Jo has special lunches available on these days too & its Canteen Week!!

Thanks

**Wendy Whitmore**

**P & C**

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**Harmony Corner...**

**1 August - Wattle Day, NSW** In New South Wales, Wattle Day is celebrated on 1 August. Wattle Day was used as a focus for raising funds to assist Australian’s World War 1 effort, and to encourage a sense of patriotism. The date of Wattle Day in New South Wales changed from 1 September, the national date, to 1 August because it allowed the Red Cross to use the earlier flowering and more familiar Cootamundra Wattle (*Acacia baileyana*) rather than Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*) to raise money to support the War effort.

**1 August - Horses birthday** In the Southern Hemisphere all horses born during the current year are deemed to have been born on 1 August. This is important for the horse racing industry as it clarifies the age of a horse for racing purposes.

**4 August - National Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day** For an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child, culture is a source of strength, resilience, happiness, identity and confidence. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in particular, access to their culture is critical as it provides a link to their heritage and a source of strength and pride. Children learn about culture and spirituality and pride in their cultural identity from their parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties, cousins and other kin.
COME AND TRY BASEBALL WITH GOSFORD INDIANS BASEBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAYS

2015 – 2016 SEASON

Boys and girls, new and old players are invited to come and register for our MID WEEK comp U8’s – U16’s.

Where: Adcock Park (near the baseball canteen)

When: Tuesday 11th and 18th August

Time: 4 – 6pm

For further information please contact Kate Frost on 0416 177 016 or email: k8frost@optusnet.com.au
WHY PLAY TOUCH FOOTBALL?

- Touch Football is a fun game providing a great social environment for both boys and girls; competitions for all ages and skill levels.
- Touch Football is a great, minimal contact sport to get kids active and meet new friends.
- Mid-Week and after hour’s games will leave your weekends free.
- Join the NRL family – develop skills that support other sporting interests.
- Representative pathways that lead to club, state or even national honours.
- Catering for individuals or as a team – A place on the field for everyone!

Central Coast Junior Touch Football
Adcock Park, West Gosford
Starts Monday 5th October 2015
Email: www.centralcoasttouch.com

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