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Principal's Report

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My Gordon West Bulletin comments at this time last year in relation to COVID-19 were that it had certainly been an exciting beginning to the year bordering on a little crazy.

Very little has changed with COVID-19 continuing to impact on school organisation. **Parents are reminded** that we have been granted special permission to dismiss Kindergarten children from the artificial grassed area adjacent to the school hall.

Once you have picked up your child you must leave the grounds immediately. My concern is that if we receive an audit of our afternoon dismissal procedure we may fail the audit resulting in all parents being moved outside of the school grounds.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Unfortunately the very popular parent organised Fathers and Children camping weekend held annually at The Basin has had to be cancelled for 2021. Hopefully with the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccine a degree of normality will enable the camp to resume next year.



The Parent/Teacher Evenings will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week commencing at 6:45pm:

Monday 22 February – Years 5 & 6;
Tuesday 23 February – Kindergarten;
Wednesday 24 February – Years 3 & 4 &
Thursday 25 February – Years 1 & 2.

Information notes were sent home earlier in the week. We apologise for the short amount of notice of these events but once again COVID-19 changes necessitated school organisational change.

Normally Mr O'Keefe President of the Gordon Parents and Citizens Association and I take the opportunity to visit all Stage presentations prior to the Parent Teacher Evenings. Once again because of COVID-19 protocols we are unable to continue this tradition for 2021.

Mr O'Keefe would like to welcome all parents to Gordon West for 2021 and wishes you a memorable year with the reminder that if you have any questions/suggestions please feel free to contact him via the school by email:

gordonwest-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone 9498 4644.

Parents are reminded that the first meeting of the Gordon West Parents and Citizens will now be held on Monday 1 March 2021. The P&C kindly offered to move their original meeting scheduled for 22nd of January 2021 so that we could hold our very important Parent/Teacher Evenings on that date. The School Excellence in Action Committee is

Dates to Remember

Friday 19 February

PSSA Round 1

Monday 22 February

Yrs 5 & 6 Parent Info Evening

Tuesday 23 February

Kindy Parent Info Evening

Wed 24 February

Yrs 3 & 4 Parent Info Evening

Thurs 25 February

Yrs 1 & 2 Parent Info Evening

Monday 1 March

P&C Meeting

Friday 5 March

Zone Swimming

Monday 8 March

Yrs 5&6 CARES

Tuesday 9 March

Yrs 5&6 CARES

Monday 15 March

Area Swimming

Tuesday 16 March

Photo Day

in the process of organising a zoom meeting to coincide with the P&C meeting date to formally implement the Community Consultation component of our School Improvement Plan.

The Fundraising and Social Committee (FRASC) under the leadership of Mrs Belinda Mark will meet shortly to discuss their plans for the year but as you can appreciate with COVID-19 it is very difficult to make plans.

We welcomed Stacey Exner our Relieving Director of Educational Leadership, Gordon Network to our school yesterday.

Primarily the purpose of the visit was to discuss and sign off on my Principals Performance and Development Plan. Mrs Exner also took the opportunity to discuss the Gordon West Situational Analysis together with the progress on our School Improvement Plan for 2021-2024 which is due for completion at the end of Term 1. However we plan to have our SIP completed by the 15 March 2021 after we have completed our Community Consultation phase of the plan.

It is a very exciting time to be associated with Public Education where so many "best practice" initiatives are being released/implemented.

Thank you to the Gordon West School Community for your co-operation with COVID-19 regulations that impacted on the annual school swimming carnival held recently at the Ku-ring-gai Aquatic Centre.

I am aware that the swimming carnival is a highlight of the year for some families with parents often arranging leave from work months ahead.

I can appreciate your anguish at not being permitted to attend the carnival.

The carnival itself was a resounding success and I would like to congratulate Mr Lee, all of our teachers and parent helpers for running such a successful carnival.

Finally congratulations to all student participants on the day and all the best for the students who progressed to the Zone Carnival to be held on March 5 2021.

J Huckerby
Principal

Class Parents



Class Parents are an important way for the Gordon West P&C and FRASC to distribute information to parents. They are also the contact point for organising class/year social events a few times during the year. It is an easy job, primarily requiring you to forward emails to your class.

If you would like to be a class parent this year, please email GordonWestFRASC@gmail.com or contact Belinda Mark directly.

We require more class parents for all our classes.



2021 Gordon West Public School Swimming Carnival



On Tuesday 9 February, Gordon West Public School held its Swimming Carnival at the Ku-ring-gai Aquatic & Fitness Centre.

The carnival was a great success. The weather was beautiful and our students achieved great results on the day. From students in Year 2 to 6, the support and positivity to motivate each other reflected that Gordon West is "the Best". We were proud of our students with how they represented the school through their excellent behaviour throughout the day.

To all our parent helpers who were involved with in timekeeping and recording, thank you for your time and efforts in ensuring the carnival ran smoothly. To our teachers, we appreciate your help as the carnival would not have been possible without it.

Annual events such as the swimming and athletics carnivals present opportunities to showcase the talents and gifts Gordon West students have and we would like to acknowledge the following students who demonstrated outstanding performances;

Ethan C, Emily H, Coby N, Willow H, Leena C, Sally A, Daniel S, Sorcha K

It was truly a special day for Ethan C who set 3 new records at the carnival. Congratulations Ethan. Well done.

Event	New Record	Previous Record	Previous Record Holder/s
11 Years 50m Freestyle	32:44	33:14	Kevin Ghazi (2002)
11 Years Breaststroke	41:25	43:66	Kevin Ghazi (2002)
11 Years Backstroke	39:07	39:70	Tom Pennycook (2017)

The House Champion for 2021 was Mulgo with 410 points. Unfortunately, there were no war cries this year to comply with regulations. However, the spirit and energy of all four houses were exhibited in their performances.

The Sydney North Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 5 March at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush. Approximately 40 students from Gordon West will be attending on the day and we wish them all the best. The results will be released in the coming weeks.

Mr A Lee
Carnival Organiser

A PLACE WHERE *Wonder* IS UNCOVERED



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WHY GIRL GUIDES?

aplacetogrow.org.au



COME AND TRY GIRL GUIDES

West Pymble Junior Guide Unit

For girls 7-11 years old

WEDNESDAY

5 – 6.30PM

West Pymble Guide Hall,
Bicentennial Park

Prince of Wales Drive, West Pymble

We meet every week during term and run a fun range of fun activities from campfires and cooking to crafts and hiking in the great outdoors!



TRY RUGBY DAYS

**FRIDAY 12TH & FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
4:30PM AT LOFBERG OVAL**

Rugby skills, drills & fun with BBQ & refreshments in the club house

GIRLS, BOYS & MIXED TEAMS - ALL AGES FROM U6s

We play on Sunday's

**2021 SEASON
REGISTRATIONS OPEN**

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**85TH
ANNIVERSARY**
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Air League

NSW Group

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Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR
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PLEASE CONTACT**



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Free Call: 1800 502 175





Gordon West Public School 2021 - School Photos Your school photo day is almost here!

We are excited to be capturing your child's memories at **Gordon West Public School** on **Tuesday 16 March 2021**

Ordering your 2021 photos is quick and easy! You can order now through MSP Online

Be quick to order and take advantage of the special pricing when you order through MSP Online. But these prices are only available for a limited time.

If you are on a computer please use the link below to order

<https://order.msp.photos/>

If you are on an iPhone or Android device please use the links below to download the MSP Online app for the best experience:

MSP ONLINE – APPLE IPHONE

MSP ONLINE – GOOGLE ANDROID

Sibling Photos are also available to order through MSP Online and must be ordered before midnight **PRIOR** to photo day.

Please note that students hold the responsibility of presenting themselves for their family photo at their allocated time slot.

9499 6555 or by email to **sydney@msp.com.au**

Get your smiles ready!

Kind Regards
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 **PROMOTION**



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 **YEARBOOKS**



www.health.nsw.gov.au

Practise simple hygiene by washing hands regularly

- 1 Wet hands
- 2 Apply soap
- 3 Lather & scrub



- 4 Rinse hands
- 5 Turn off tap
- 6 Dry hands



Spend **20 seconds** washing your hands.

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Scouting Adventurous, Fun, Active

From 8 up
girls & boys
Come and join us

Never a day sitting in front
of a screen. Get in touch!

West Pymble Scout Group
www.facebook.com/WestPymbleScoutGroup
WestPymbleScoutGroup@gmail.com



COME & TRY!

Every Thursday from March 4th, 5-6pm*


Memorial Oval, Turrumurra (Home ground)

FREE Sausage sizzle for all players!

PLAY LEAGUE WITH US...

Games played Saturdays within the North Sydney District, season commencing May. Training days are Tuesday + Thursday (most teams Thursday only).

*To attend Come & Try or for any queries, please contact Mark, 0466 797 205.



KU-RING-GAI CUBS RUGBY LEAGUE

U6'S TO U16'S (BOYS & GIRLS) GIRLS LEAGUE TAG (U11'S + U13'S)



Ku-ring-gai Cubs Rugby League Club is proudly recognised as a Blue Shield Club under NSW Rugby League. We've earned this status by demonstrating & continually striving for excellence on & off field.

We are a family oriented club nurturing a love of the game, teamwork, respect & honesty. Join us!

REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

Register online: www.playrugbyleague.com

Cost is \$150 & includes jersey, shorts, socks, training tee.
(Active kids voucher accepted)



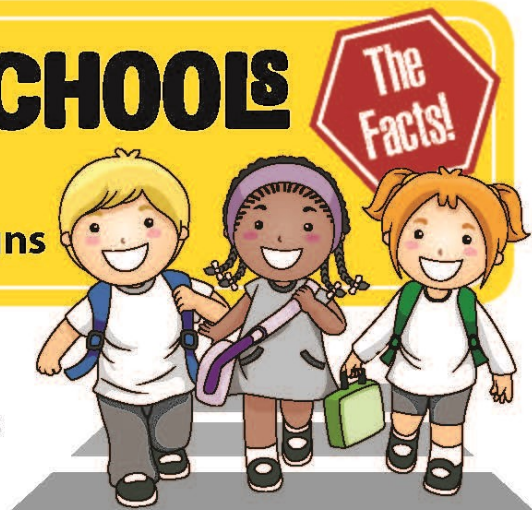
Play League

SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

FACT SHEET 1

Parking Safely Around Schools: Parking Signs

Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind. If you break the rules in a school zone you are not only putting your child at risk but other children too. North Sydney Council patrols school zones to ensure people are driving and parking safely. Please, always choose safety over convenience.



PARKING SIGN

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS



- You can stop in a **NO PARKING** zone (or Kiss and Drop zone) for a maximum of **2 minutes** to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within **3 metres** of your vehicle.
- No Parking zones provide a safe place to drop-off and pick-up children quickly. When picking up your children, only pull into the zone when you see your child waiting on the footpath and there is a free space. **Do not queue** – drive around the block if need be.

EXCEEDS:
\$194+
2 DEMERIT POINTS



- You cannot stop in a **NO STOPPING** zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space).
- No Stopping zones keep sight lines clear between drivers and children/pedestrians.

EXCEEDS:
\$349+
2 DEMERIT POINTS



- You cannot stop in a **BUS ZONE** for any reason.
- Bus Zones provide a place for buses to drop-off and pick-up children safely.

EXCEEDS:
\$349+
2 DEMERIT POINTS



- Parking signs with specified time limits allow drivers to park their vehicle for a maximum period of time e.g. 5 minutes, 2 minutes, 1 hour etc.

EXCEEDS:
\$116

If times of operation are shown on parking signs, the restriction applies only at those times e.g. 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm.

These fines and demerit points apply in school zones and are current as of February 2021.



SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

FACT SHEET 4

Walking and Riding Safely to School

The Facts!



We all want our children to arrive at school safely and on time. But this doesn't have to mean driving them right to the school gate. Walking or riding all or some of the way to school reduces congestion and improves road safety around the school as well as promoting physical activity and reducing our carbon footprint.

KEY MESSAGES FOR KIDS TO STAY SAFE WHEN WALKING AND RIDING:

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross a road or driveway.
- Stay alert, look up – don't get distracted by your phone.
- Use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard.
- Take extra care around trucks and buses – they can't always see you.



HOLDING HANDS

Until your child is at least 8 years old, hold their hand:

- On the footpath.
- In the car park.
- When crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.



IT'S TOO FAR TO WALK!

If you find walking all the way to school too difficult or too far, drive some of the way and park at least a block or two away and walk with your child the rest of the way.



SAFETY DOOR

If you do need to drive, always ensure your children get out of the car through the 'Safety Door', away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

