

GORDON WEST BULLETIN

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Principal's Report

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Our recently completed parent/teacher information evenings were a huge success with most families being represented on the night to hear a comprehensive overview of proposed class and stage programs for the year.

Once again COVID-19 restrictions did impact on the organisational model permitted for the evening and as usual the Gordon West school community took the inconveniences in its stride and by all reports the presentations were very informative and well received. Please remember if you wish to talk to your child's teacher in more detail please make an appointment.



School policy is not to distribute the personal email addresses of individual staff members.

However parents can contact teachers through the school email address : gordonwest-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and teachers will respond within a 24 hour period.

Parents may have been a little surprised that the presentations were organised with such precision and that intervention occurred if the meetings went over the agreed COVID-19 prescribed time.

However this was the agreement that we had

with all staff and the COVID-19 regulators and that in fairness all classes had to adhere to the restrictions imposed.

Both Mr Sparke and I commented how lovely it was to meet some parents who we hadn't met for over twelve months.

A big thank you to Ben and Heather from Teaching Services Australia on how quickly and efficiently they have organised the Gordon West band program after the rather sudden departure of our wonderful Director of many years Ms Bella Harvey.

However like any successful business capacity building was always foremost in their minds to ensure that the quality of programs being offered continues regardless of the Director and Teaching Services Australia was up to the challenge.

Teaching Services Australia has appointed very experienced and very talented band directors for the Training Band (Jane Nelson) and the Concert Band 1 and Concert Band 2 (Michael Votano) and with the continuation of Mr Lachlan Hamilton as conductor of our Jazz Band the Gordon West Band Program is in good hands.

Parents are reminded that the School Improvement Plan, that will drive the strategic directions of our school for the next four years is being presented to the school community for comment at a special ZOOM meeting on Monday 8 March at 6:45pm by Mr Sparke assisted by our two Instructional Leaders Mrs Harvey and Mr Moses.

Dates to Remember

Friday 5 March

Zone Swimming

Monday 8 March

Yrs 5&6 CARES

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 9 March

Yrs 5&6 CARES

Monday 15 March

Area Swimming

Tuesday 16 March

Photo Day

Thursday 18 March

Harmony Day



Tuesday 23 March

Rocks Walking Tour
Yrs 3 & 4



Thursday 1 April

Last day Term 1

The details for this meeting are as follows:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/join/register/u50sd-utrzwptVOuJsZJWGIpEMkcJckHFd9>

Please click on the link to register your attendance.

Parents will be provided the opportunity to respond to the information presented through a Google Document that will be sent home immediately after the event. Please contact the school should you have any further questions.

On Monday 15 March our Gordon West school executive led by Mr Sparke and the Instructional leaders will present the School Improvement Plan to Stacey Exner, our Relieving Director of School Leadership together with Linda O'Brien our District Principal School Leadership for their comment and approval.

Although a little belated congratulations to the Gordon West Public School Handbook Committee on the publication of our updated handbook.

If any family doesn't as yet have their free copy of this very useful document please contact the School Administration Office.

A big thank you to Brett Nicholson from MSP Photography for being so involved and committed to the publication of our handbook.



Another big thank you to MSP Photography for the compilation of our whole school photo for 2020 that hangs proudly in our Administration Foyer, under very challenging COVID-19 school photography restrictions. One of the students remarked that he couldn't remember having eleven rows of scaffolding to enable the photograph to be taken. It is marvellous what can be achieved using Photoshop.

Best wishes to the 39 Gordon West students who will be competing in the Zone Swimming Carnival to be held at Homebush this coming Friday.

Three members of the Gordon West staff will officiate at the carnival and we wish them and all competitors all of the best.

Being a parent of a very successful swimmer can mean an enormous amount of commitment from swimming families. One of our champion swimmers remarked that he trains seven days per week.

It reminded me of the famous comment of the great South African golfer Gary Player who stated "The harder I practise the luckier I get," which applies to most situations in life.



Congratulations to TeamKids the successful tenderer in the recently completed Before and After School tender process. TeamKids is Australian owned and operates 65 Before and After School and Vacation Care centres across Australia. TeamKids will take over from Primary OSHCare on Tuesday 20 April, the first day of Term 2.

We thank Primary OSHCare our previous provider for the past 15 Years for their wonderful service to Gordon West and wish them all the best for the future.

J Huckerby
Principal

Congratulations to our 2021 SRC Members

At the beginning of each school year all classes in Years 3-6 vote for one student to represent their class in the Student Representative Council (SRC).

The SRC class representative is expected to attend regular meetings. SRC members are also committed to sharing the ideas of their peers, contributing to meaningful projects and reporting back to their class on current initiatives.

At Gordon West the SRC is also responsible for thinking of innovative and creative ways that the school community can raise funds for selected charities.

Class	Name
3D	Jonathan K.
3H	Acton C.
3W	Janny L
4J	Kimberly Y
4M	Sophia Z
4H	Manuel J
4/5D	Matilda S
5T	Ethan C
5W	Nicholas L
6J	Dannon P
6G	Lilly O



Harmony Week 2021

This Year Harmony Week will be celebrated in Week 8, the 15th- 19th of March. This year's theme is 'Everyone Belongs'. As part of our celebrations we will be holding a Multicultural Day on Thursday the 18th of March. On this day, students are invited to dress in traditional clothing from their cultural background. This could be a whole costume or just a single item.

Alternatively, students can wear school uniform with a splash of orange to represent Harmony Day.

EALD Teachers



TEAMKIDS HAS JUST ARRIVED



START DATE
20 APRIL

AT GORDON WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

TeamKids are delighted to have been chosen by Gordon West Public School to deliver before, after and holiday care, starting 20/04/2021.

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HOMEWORK,
DANCE, MUSIC,
CULTURE
+ more...

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CHEESE, FRUIT,
HUMMUS, SUSHI
MUFFINS,
CUCUMBER,
MINI PIZZAS
+ more...



BOOK ONLINE: teamkids.com.au



CHAT WITH US: **1300 035 000**

INFORMATION SESSIONS

GET ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

TeamKids will be holding information sessions to ensure families of Gordon West Public School have all the required information to register and join TeamKids Before, After and Vacation Care service.



PARENT INFO SESSION WEBINAR

WHEN:	Wednesday 24 th of March
TIME:	6:30pm
WHERE:	Via Zoom (link will be sent out via school 1 week prior)

The above events provide an opportunity to find out more about TeamKids, our remarkable programs and provide an opportunity to answer any questions you may have.



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HOURS OF OPERATION

SERVICE	TIMES	COST	AFTER MAX CCS*
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE	7:00am – 9:10am	\$15.00	\$2.25
AFTER SCHOOL CARE	3:10pm – 6:00pm	\$21.00	\$3.15
VACATION CARE	7:00am – 6:00pm	\$55.00	\$8.25*

* CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES MAY APPLY. MAX CCS WILL VARY DEPENDING ON EXPERIENCE FEES.

HOW TO ENROL?

It's easy to set up your TeamKids account via our website www.teamkids.com.au. You will be required to set up an account by clicking the register button.

NEED MORE INFO?

Our friendly customer service:
info@teamkids.com.au
1300 035 000



ENRICHING CHILDREN'S LIVES

BE BUS AWARE

Bus Safety Week



Parents and carers - always hold your child's hand

Adults have an important part to play in keeping children safe around roads. School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand around traffic. Remember:

- Always meet your child AT school or the bus stop. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across
- Until they are at least 10 years old, always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road
- Remind your children to always wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road.

Drivers

Buses can't stop quickly and drivers should:

- Look out for children on footpaths or crossing the street, especially around schools, buses and bus stops
- Leave plenty of space when you're driving or stopped around buses, to keep children safe and improve bus drivers' vision of the road environment
- Remember that lights flash on the front and back of buses to warn motorists that they're picking up or dropping off kids. But whether bus lights are flashing or not, it's best to slow down because when buses stop, children can be nearby
- Also remember to give way to buses pulling out from bus stops and to not merge too closely in front of buses.

Passengers

Remind your child bus passenger to:

- Press the button well before your stop to give the driver plenty of time to stop safely
- Wait until the bus has stopped before you get out of your seat
- Take care stepping on and off the bus
- If standing, hold on and keep alert.



BeBusAware.com.au

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.

We still require class parents for KA (x2), KS (x1), 1J (x1), 2D (x2), 4J (x2), 4/5D (x1 Year 4 parent) and 5W (x2).

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

SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

FACT SHEET 4

Walking and Riding Safely to School

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.



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.



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SCHOOL
MOMENTS

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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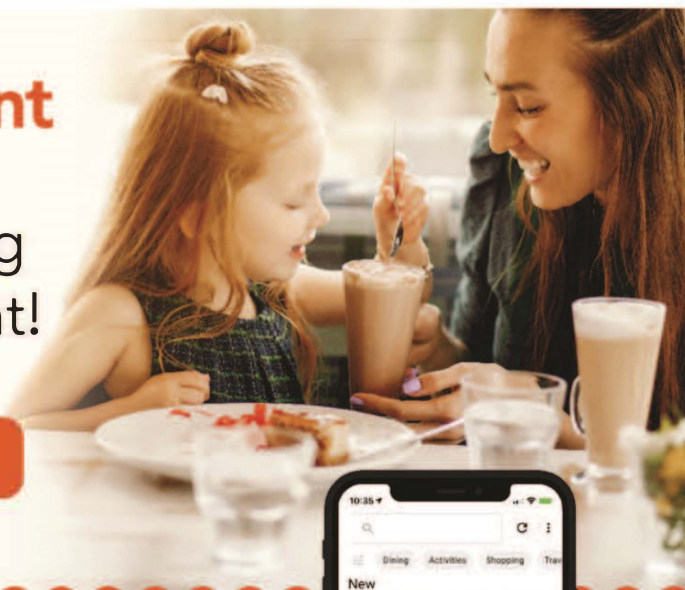


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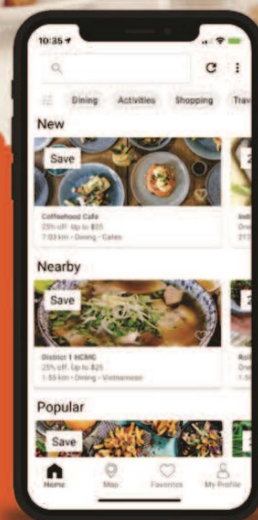
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STUDENT NEWS

MODBALL RESULTS

19/2/2021 (friendly)

Snrs vs Roseville lost 2-7

Jnrs vs Roseville won 18-0

26/2/2021 St Ives North

Snrs vs drew 13-13

Jnrs vs won 14-3



CRICKET RESULTS

19/2/21 vs Beaumont Rd

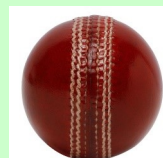
Juniors won 93-65

Seniors lost 75-97

26/2/21 vs Gordon East

Juniors lost 64-258

Seniors lost 77-90



TOUCH FOOTBALL RESULTS

19/2/21

Jnr Girls vs St Ives drew 4-4 Snr Girls vs Masada lost 2-4

Beaumont Rd lost 1-2

Jnr Boys vs St Ives lost 4-7 Snr Boys vs Chatswood won 4-2

Killara drew 3-3

26/2/21

Jnr Girls vs St Ives Nth won 5-3 Snr Girls vs BYE

St Ives Nth won 5-3

Jnr Boys vs St Ives Nth won 5-3 Snr Boys vs Roseville lost 3-9

Lindfield lost 2-7



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students
who have completed the challenge:

Raik K 3H

Kimberly Y 4J

Grace K 5T