

GORDON WEST BULLETIN

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Principal's Report

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There has been considerable debate of late in relation to the environmental suitability of synthetic turf.

At Gordon West Public school we have two areas of synthetic turf, adjacent to the hall and as part of the "quiet area" learning space at the Ryde Road end of the oval.

The Gordon West Synthetic Turf Committee spent considerable time choosing a product that we felt was most suitable for a school environment. In fact the selection process took over 18 months before we chose the product that we felt best suited our needs. Since we installed our synthetic turf more environmentally suitable underlays have come on to the market.

Although we were aware that excessive heating can be a problem associated with synthetic turf in summer and that some products that use rubber underlay can experience problems, **this hasn't been the case with our synthetic turf.**

Our biggest problem has been getting the parents and children to leave the school grounds after school has been dismissed for the day because they love playing and socialising on the synthetic turf.

Parents are reminded not to become complacent in relation to COVID-19 restrictions that still remain in place.

If you are entering the school premises regardless of whether you are just picking up or dropping off children, it is compulsory that you use the QR code at various locations on the school perimeter before entering.

If you are remaining on the premises for any length of time or have an official reason for being onsite then you must also sign the visitor's book in the Administration Office. A recent survey conducted indicated that only 34% of parents entering the school were using the QR codes.

Additional QR code check in sheets have been placed around the school for your convenience.

We are very happy to announce the completion of our oval terracing project with the planting of over 135 native plants last weekend.

The terracing of the oval bank is part of a major development project that has been implemented in this area.

We have spent over \$500 000 making this area a wonderful space to socialise and play. Once the "Digging Area" is installed shortly, this project will be completed.



Dates to Remember

Tues 11-Fri 14 May

NAPLAN Week 1

Tues 17-Fri 21 May

NAPLAN Week 2

Saturday 22 May

Band Camp

Monday 24 May

P&C Meeting

Friday 4 June

Area Cross Country

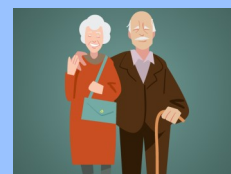
Monday 14 June

Queen's Birthday

Public Holiday

Tuesday 22 June

Grandparents Day



Friday 25 June

Last day of Term 2

Monday 12 July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 13 July

Students Resume

Term 3

Congratulation and all the best to the students from Year 3 and Year 5 who will be completing the online Naplan tests from 11 to the 21 May.

The domains to be tested include Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy.

Students were provided with links to the public demonstration sites where they could familiarise themselves with the type of questions to be asked prior to the tests.

Naplan is a very informative assessment tool that provides the school with excellent diagnostic information.

Dogs! Dogs! Dogs!

Once again it has been brought to my attention that a number of animals including dogs are being brought on to the school grounds.

Parents are advised that animals are not permitted on the school premises no matter how cute and cuddly they may appear.



Congratulations to the Year 6 Dance Team and their choreographers Mrs Goldthorp and Ms Eather, on their successful audition for the Metropolitan North Dance Festival to be held at the Glen Street Theatre later in the year.

Students and parents of Gordon West will have the opportunity of watching our dancers in action at future school events.

Our Zone Cross Country Team excelled at the recent Zone Cross Country Championships held last week at the St Ives Showground.

In somewhat trying conditions our students did their personal best, cheered on by the enthusiastic Gordon West spectators.

A big thank you to everyone involved for making the day so enjoyable for everyone in spite of the inclement weather.



I realise that a great deal of my Principal Messages are repetitive.

However they are very important in maintaining the great culture that we have established at Gordon West over many years.

Adherence to our uniform policy which was determined by the school community creates a great deal of pride in being a student of Gordon West.

Although the uniform can be expensive we have a selection of very good second hand uniforms available. Parents are reminded that the Sports Jacket is not part of the formal winter uniform unless being worn over the designated school jumper for warmth.

We are very excited to announce that the girls winter slacks/pants and blouses with thicker fabric have finally been ordered and should be available in early June.



Our emergency lockdown evacuation drills are practised regularly and we ask you to discuss these drills with your children. In summary we have two emergency procedures of which the children and parent helpers must be aware. The evacuation procedure signalled by one continuous ringing of the bell indicates to all people in the school at that time that they must proceed to Pee Wee Park in an orderly fashion.

The second procedure is for lockdown. A continuous series of short bell rings indicates that all people on the school site are to proceed to their rooms immediately. Once they arrive in the rooms the children are to sit on the floor and wait for further instruction from their teachers. Teachers will lock the classroom doors. All school staff have designated responsibilities for both procedures. In the case of a lockdown emergency follow up procedures will depend on the nature of the emergency.

Please discuss these procedures with your children.

Regards

J Huckerby
Principal

Office News

2022 Enrolments are now being accepted. If your family or any neighbours have children who are eligible to enrol for 2022 please apply via the online enrolment link on the school website.

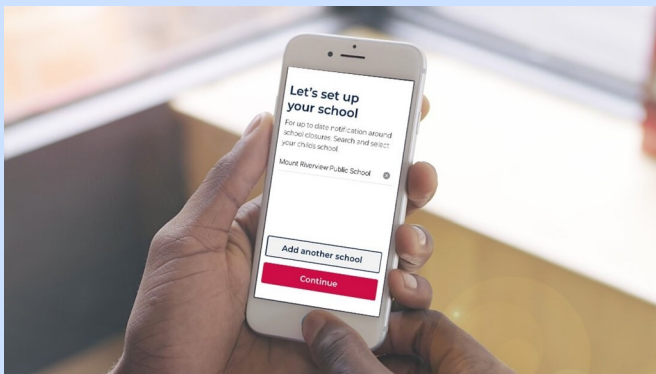
<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=3943>

Please note 100 points proof of address and original identity documents must be sighted before your child's enrolment can be confirmed.

Term 2 Statement of Accounts have now been emailed to all families. Thank you to everyone who has already paid. Fees are due 27/5/2021.

Lost property remains at a constant level. Whilst the office goes through the items weekly it is very hard to return items to their rightful owners if they are not labelled clearly. Please label all of your children's belongings especially hats, jumpers, drink bottles and lunch containers.

Thanking you
Office Staff



NSW School Updates app

The NSW School Updates app allows parents and carers to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools.

NSW families can now get notified when their school becomes non-operational, wherever they are.

The app will complement the other means of communication available to parents and carers from schools and the Department of Education to ensure families receive timely, accurate information in a crisis.

The app is free and available now for iOS and Android users.

[Download for iOS - App Store](#)[External link.](#)

[Download for Android - Google Play](#)[External link.](#)

You can opt in for notifications about the operational status of as many NSW public schools as you choose.

K-2 GRANDPARENTS and SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY



Tuesday 22 June is Gordon West's
GRANDPARENTS and SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 parents are catering and
serving refreshments on the day!

We would greatly appreciate donations of the following:
Sandwiches • Milk • Cakes • Muffins • Slices • Biscuits
(all to be nut-free)

We will also need lots of volunteers to help set up, serve and pack away.

Please register to help with this Sign-Up link:

<https://signup.com/go/AHbuyvb>

*Thank you.
Eva Yordi
(Event coordinator)*

STUDENT NEWS



Indigenous
Literacy
Foundation

The SRC is excited to be getting involved with The Great Australian Book Swap initiative during week 10 of this term.

The *Great Book Swap* is a fantastic way to celebrate reading while learning more about Indigenous languages and culture. This event will help raise much needed funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF).

The idea of *The Great Book Swap* is to swap a favourite book in exchange for a gold coin donation. In order for this great initiative to take place, families are being asked to kindly donate 1-2 good quality, **pre-loved** children's books. These books need to be brought in to Mrs Corrigan (5T) or Miss Joyce (1J) during weeks 6, 7 and 8. The books should be aimed at students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

On Tuesday 22nd June, Gordon West will host our *Great Book Swap*. On this day, students will be able to choose a book from those that have been donated in return for a gold coin donation.

All money raised will go to help the ILF provide good quality literature to children in remote communities around Australia.

Kind Regards,

The Gordon West SRC

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge:

Austin H 1T	Terence S KS
Leena C 2H	Patrick G 2H
Ema N 3H	Thomas G 1/2G
Mia P 3W	Kelvin L 4/5D
Rebecca L 4/5D	Claire Y 4/5D
Grace N 4/5D	Gus B 4/5D
Daniel G 5W	Jessica C 4/5D
Freddie G 4/5D	Coby N 5W
Chelsea S 4/5D	Grace P 5W

BAND CAPTAINS 2021

Congratulations to the 2021 Band Captains:

Concert Band 1:

Scarlett G
Alfred T



Concert Band 2:

Amy B
Chester W

Band Captains are chosen for the two upper bands at Gordon West, and are selected by their peers. Band Captains provide leadership to their band by setting an example for the other band members and helping out other students or the conductor with anything that is needed. They also make announcements at performances and band events and are a person who is approachable to their peers.

We thank them for their service to the bands this year!

GORDON WEST TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

It has been a great few weeks at TeamKids. Last week we surprised everyone with a visit from a Barista and put on our Mothers Day Morning Tea as part of a big THANK YOU to all the wonderful families and teachers for making us feel so welcome and for raising such amazing Gordon West kids!

Next week we are excited to announce our **OHH WEEK** where we will be running a special event every afternoon. We welcome anyone who is not already attending that day to book in and join in on all the **FUN!** Please see invitation attached. At the end of May, we will also be celebrating **TeamKids turning 10** more information on this to come!

Everyday you will see the children outside are wearing TeamKids bibs, these help us keep our TeamKids safe. Please also note, we wash these regularly!

TeamKids Clubs also started this week! The days of these clubs will change next term so please do not worry if there is a Club your child wants to join running on a day they are not there.

IMPORTANT DATES



Friday 14th MAY

National Walk Safely to School Day!

Monday 17th MAY

OHH Week begins!

Thursday 27th MAY

TeamKids 10th Birthday Party!



TEAMKIDS CLUBS ASC WEEK:



MONDAY



Mindfulness and Art Attack

TUESDAY



Epic Games & Lego Masters

WEDNESDAY



Art Attack & Reading Club

THURSDAY



Sustainability & Musical Theatre

FRIDAY



Cooking & S.T.E.M



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You're Invited

**Team
Kids**

**SPECIAL
EVENT
WEEK**

**Ohhh!
Week**

**BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL CARE**

**MAY 17 - MAY 21
FROM 3:10PM - 6PM**

CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES MAY APPLY

\$3.15/SESSION
AFTER MAX CCS

BRING A FRIEND
MUST REGISTER & BOOK TO ATTEND



**MONDAY 17 MAY
MAGICIAN - JACK SHARP**

**TUESDAY 18 MAY
BOP TIL YOU DROP**

**WEDNESDAY 19 MAY
GIANT GAMES DAY**

**THURSDAY 20 MAY
JUMPING CASTLES**

**FRIDAY 21 MAY
WONDERLAND PARTY**

**COME JOIN
THE FUN**

**GORDON WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
TEAMKIDS.COM.AU
1300 035 000**

**BOOK
NOW**

轻松英语对话班

Easy English Conversation Classes

기초 영어 회화 수업

Easy English Conversation Classes are a fun way to improve your listening, speaking and understanding skills in English.

At NorthLight we have classes for every level of English.

Classes are free and child minding is also available

Before class we also have a chance to read and learn about the Bible and what it means to be a Christian.

Classes run during the school term

West Pymble:

Friday Morning, 10am-12pm

West Lindfield:

Tuesday Morning, 10am- 11:45am

Contact our office for more information.
Email: office@nlac.org.au
Phone: 9498 0000

NORTHLIGHT
ANGELICAN CHURCH

SANDWICH SANDWICH

THE Good news games

JUNE 29TH-JULY 2ND

REGOS OPEN ON MARCH 21ST

www.nlac.org/kids

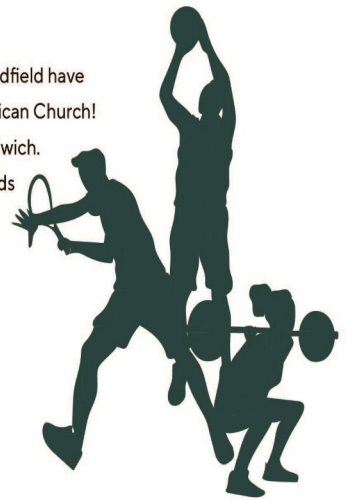
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NORTHLIGHT
ANGELICAN CHURCH

St Matt's West Pymble & All Saints' West Lindfield have joined together to become NorthLight Anglican Church!

Join us for our annual holiday program, Sandwich.

Sandwich is a day program (9am-3pm) for kids in Kindy to Year 5.



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TURRAMURRA HIGH SCHOOL

104 Maxwell Street, South Turramurra



OPEN MORNINGS Guided Tours

Friday 21 May 2021

Wednesday 9 June 2021

Register for a guided tour via our website
turramurra-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

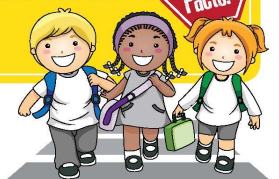
Please join us for morning tea.

SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

FACT SHEET 3

Driving Safely Around Schools

Keeping our children safe as they get to and from school is everyone's responsibility. Remember, young children can be unpredictable and difficult to see, so slow down and be extra cautious in school zones.



ROAD RULE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	PENALTIES & DEMERIT POINTS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 40km/h speed limit applies in school zones to help protect children on their way to and from school. The lower speed limit reduces the risk and potential severity of a crash. Most school zones operate from 8:00am to 9:30am and from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. 	EXCEEDS: \$489+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash. When bus lights flash it means the bus is picking up or dropping off children. 	EXCEEDS: \$365+ 1 DEMERIT POINT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is illegal to hold and use a mobile phone while driving. If your phone is secured in a fixed mounting or Bluetooth is enabled, you can still make or receive phone calls, use music or audio functions and use a navigation system. Learner and P licence holders are not permitted to use their phone at all. Keep in mind that using a mobile phone legally can still be very distracting. 	EXCEEDS: \$464+ 5 DEMERIT POINTS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must not park on, or too close, to a pedestrian crossing. This blocks visibility. If the road beyond a pedestrian crossing is blocked, you should not drive onto the crossing. 	EXCEEDS: \$464+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS