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Principal's Report

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Welcome back to Term 3.

I hope that all of you had an exciting holiday albeit in lockdown.

Who would have guessed that we would have been so quickly working from home after admirably combating the spread of the coronavirus for so long.

However we live in the present moment and need to get on with life the best we can, remaining positive and making sure that we support each other through the many challenges being presented.

Although self praise is no recommendation we are very pleased with how our Learning From Home Program has been implemented and developed. However we do welcome constructive feedback from the school community.

We were very lucky that the overall planning of our Learning From Home Program was organised prior to the implementation of more stringent rules in relation to staff numbers in attendance at school. Staff worked incredibly well together during the first week of term to get these programs planned and implemented in a very short period of time.

Once again we thank you for your incredible support with the vast majority of parents working with us to provide excellent educational programs.

It is a very stressful time for some members of society and sometimes we need to implement strategies to lessen the affect of our anxiety. One method that I have found very helpful is to write a letter of response to a stressful situation and then place it in my top drawer for at least two days.

Thankfully I cannot recall ever sending such a letter.

Student participation in Learning From Home Programs is closely monitored with the parents of non participants contacted immediately. Current rates of participation are running at approximately 97 % which is wonderful.

All class teachers, Mr Sparke and Mrs Hayward (our Learning Support and Student Wellbeing Supervisor) are very closely monitoring the wellbeing of all Gordon West students.

What is more wonderful is that our students appear to be really enjoying the Zoom sessions interacting beautifully with their classmates.

If you have any questions whatsoever in relation to the Learning From Home Program please contact the school or your child's teacher.

Stage supervisors are responsible to ensure that best practice Learning From Home Programs are being implemented across their stage and that teachers obtain the support necessary to achieve this end.

Supervisors

Kindergarten Mrs Armstrong;

Year 1/2 Mrs Harvey

Year 3/4 Mr Moses

Year 5/6 Mrs Garland

EALD Ms Tasovski

Mr Sparke is the Learning From Home Committee Chairperson.

Hopefully by the end of next week all classes will have at least two Zoom check ins in relation to their online platform responsibilities plus three lessons taught via Zoom or online.

We hope to increase the number of Zoom and online lessons to one per day.



The Department of Education COVID-19 Updates are continually advising us to remind parents that students shouldn't be in attendance unless their parents are essential workers.

Our first webinar assembly was held on Wednesday of this week with many parents joining the assembly as non participatory guests.

Of course conducting an assembly for two vastly different audiences can be a challenge and we thank our parent community for being so understanding as non participants in a child centred assembly.

A positive feature of such a student based assembly is that parents gain an understanding as to how regular assemblies are organised at the school. Normally when parents are in attendance the whole format and culture of an assembly is much more conservative with the emphasis being on presentation rather than that of participation and enjoyment.

Wednesday's assembly was a celebration of successfully combating the challenges that we have faced and celebrating student achievement and engagement while learning at home.

However once again we must not become complacent in relation to COVID-19 the results of which could be catastrophic.

We thank you for following the COVID-19 guidelines of signing in using the QR codes and wearing masks if and when you have been granted permission to enter the school site.

Once again during the vacation Salvatore Castelnovo (Sam) was extremely busy organising contractors to complete a number of important projects on the school site.



The "Diggers Area" has now been completed and our younger students have a designated area in which to dig to their hearts content without damaging our gardens. Unfortunately during the holidays some unwelcome visitors to the school did some damage to our beautiful new sandstone boulders. Please support us by emphasising to your children that the sandstone rock edges are not to be broken using other pieces of rock. All of our school gardens were cleaned and mulched with the school looking a picture.

We are racing to have all of the planned work completed by Wednesday's deadline with particular emphasis on the Year 6 MDR ramp repairs.

We have had to postpone restoration work planned for areas adversely affected by the removal of the Solar Panels from the library roof. Luckily the damaged caused was only superficial.

Once again thank you to the 360 participants who accessed our first webinar assembly.

Please keep sending in jokes for future assemblies.

Please make sure that your children "run" their jokes and stories of how they are spending their lockdown past you before sending them to me via the following email address. (gordonwest-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

I promise to read and respond to every email.

What is black and white but red all over?

A penguin in a blender.

I am not sure how appropriate this response from a Year 6 child was to my question yesterday.

Regards

J Huckerby

Principal



STUDENT NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

21/7/21

KA	Gigi H	3D	Brianna N
KP	Sarah L	3H	Sophie A
KS	Marcus P	3W	Mia P
1E	Adrian S	4J	Anoushka J
1J	Zayd N	4M	Jacob P
1T	Lila R	4H	Max Z
1/2G	Olivia L	5T	Lily X
2D	Sahaana B	4/5D	Logan L
2H	Eva M	5W	Ethan H
2L	Claire Y	6J	Aditya K
		6G	Isabella M



Soccer Results

25/6/21

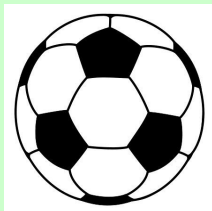
Div 1 vs St Ives North

Senior A1 lost 1-2

Senior A2 lost 0-1

Junior A1 drew 1-1

Junior A2 lost 1-2



Soccer Results

25/6/21

Div 2 vs Killara

Senior B1 won 3-2

Senior B2 lost 0-3

Junior B1 won 5-0

Junior B2 won 4-0



Girls Soccer Results

25/6/21

Junior A1 vs Lindfield won 2-1

Senior A2 vs St Ives won 5-0

Junior A3 vs BYE

Senior A1 vs Lindfield lost 0-9

Senior A2 vs St Ives Lost 4-0

Netball Results

25/6/21

Senior 1 vs Roseville won 15-5

Senior 2 vs Lindfield won 16-15

Senior 3 vs BYE

Junior 1 vs Roseville won 8-6

Junior 2 vs Killara lost 1-9

Junior 3 vs Chatswood won 3-1

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge:

Ava F KA	Malik M 2H
Alexis L KA	Edward L 3H
Olivia M KP	Emily A 5T
Ryan A 1/2G	Zara D 6G
Athena C 1/2G	Minerva Y 1/2G
Om C 1T	Zara F 3D
Eliza C 1T	Matthew H 4M
Hannah C 1E	Shyla B 1J
Aarav D 1E	Alina W 1J
Bailey G 1T	Annabel O'K 2H
Nate G 1J	Sophie W 4J
Elly H 1E	Sofia L 5W
Olivia L 1/2G	Liam B 6G
Luke L 1J	Laura C 6J
Lila R 1T	Lucas T 6G

SRE Online - Christian lessons

Dear GWPS students and parents

We want to send you extra love at this challenging time. Please know that your Scripture teachers are missing you and praying for you. There are now Scripture lessons available online. Simply go here

[Connect-Learning-at-Home](#) to find lesson plans, songs, video links and activity pages. New lessons will be added weekly. We hope you enjoy them and know how awesome God is. Any questions feel free to contact Fiona van Horen at vanhorencf@bigpond.com

GORDON WEST TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Welcome to Week 2 Term 3! We hope you are all staying safe and well. Thank you for all of your patience and understanding during this difficult time. As previously communicated, we will be remaining open for all essential workers and very much look forward to the end of lockdown when we can welcome back all of your amazing children to the service. Sadly, SoccaJoeys has been post phoned until the school allows visitors to return onsite.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our **Winter Holiday Program**. We hope you all enjoyed our virtual online incursions! As always your **feedback** is very important to us and we would love to hear what you liked the most and any thoughts about what you would like to see in our next Holiday Program.

A huge thank you also to the Tetu family for your recent book donation! If you have any old toys, dress ups, books or recycling that you would like to donate, please let me know!

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful rest of week!

IMPORTANT DATES



-  **Wednesday 28th of July**
National Educator Day!
(Dress up as your favourite Superhero!)
-  **Friday 30th of July**
International Day of Friendship.
-  **15th to 23rd of August**
National Science Week!

TEAMKIDS CLUBS ASC WEEK:

MONDAY

Epic Games

TUESDAY

Stem Club

WEDNESDAY

Gardening Club

THURSDAY

Sustainability Club

FRIDAY

Lego Masters Club



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Ku-ring-gai Lockdown Live

A free concert with Jess & Matt
Friday 23 July 7-8pm

Proudly presented by



Ku-ring-gai Council is proud to present Ku-ring-gai Lockdown Live with Jess & Matt.

A special night in of live music with local Duo Jess & Matt this Friday 23 July at 7pm. Treat yourself to some takeaway, support your local restaurants and enjoy the concert from the comfort of your home.

The event will be live streamed via the Ku-ring-gai Council Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/868194177437844/>

Couple-Duo Jess & Matt's trademark harmonies have grabbed attention around the globe. After 10 years of performing in Sydney's live circuit, in 2015 Jess & Matt were the runners up of The X Factor Australia. On July 9 Jess & Matt released their first original album, "Wildflowers" reaching number 1 on the iTunes Charts this week. The husband-and-wife acoustic duo were set to head to Nashville (as they did every year) in 2020 but like all musicians, COVID changed their plans and this Friday night will bring their music live to you from their home in Pymble where Matt has spent most of his life.

Council is presenting the performance in a bid to boost the spirits of housebound residents, support the local entertainment sector and help promote local restaurants offering takeaways and home deliveries.

We would appreciate if you are able to share with your school communities.