**Year 4 has certainly had a busy year in relation to overnight excursions.**

Early in the year this very fortunate group of children participated in a sleepover at Taronga Zoo as part of the Turramurra Learning Community Powerful Owl Project. This week Year 4 children and their teachers spent three days and two nights at the Sydney Academy of Sports at Narrabeen Lakes where they participated in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities organised and supervised by the Academy staff. Kayaking on Narrabeen Lake, rock climbing and archery were some of the highlights!! Although the zoo sleepover was a marvellous experience the accommodation at the Sports Academy has been recently upgraded and was a little more comfortable than sleeping on the floor as you do at the zoo.

The Academy staff commented on the wonderful behaviour of our children and noted that a lot of schools don’t go on camps because they can’t get teaching staff to accompany them. At Gordon West children and parents are so appreciative and our students are so well behaved we have no problems getting staff volunteers to give up their family time.

Thank you to Ms Merchant, Mr Sparke and Mrs Roberton for your time and support in organising and implementing the whole adventure.

I had the privilege of visiting the camp on Monday evening and was very impressed by the behaviour and attitude of the Gordon West children who were really enjoying the experience.

**Congratulations to the Festival Choir on their performance at the Chatswood Concourse on Wednesday evening of last week.**

Everyone had a wonderful time although we did have some very tired teachers and students on Thursday morning after their Wednesday morning rehearsal, matinee and night performances. A big thank you to all children and parents associated with the Festival Choir and to Mrs Garland the conductor. Mrs Garland has been a wonderful conductor who has worked tirelessly to provide excellent tuition and guidance to the Year 4 choir members. A big thank you to the Year 4 teachers, Mr Sparke, Ms Merchant and Mrs Roberton for attending the concert to show their support for their Year 4 students.
The final Band Intensive for our 108 students representing Concert Band 1, Concert Band 2 and the Training Band was held recently. The children had a marvellous three and a half hours of music making at the school on Sunday 18 October in preparation for the Band Christmas Concert to be held on 26 November. Everyone is welcome to attend the Band Christmas Concert to hear first hand how well our bands perform. I encourage all parents to consider enrolling their children in the Band or Strings Ensemble program once they reach Year 3 in the case of band and Year 2 in relation to the string ensemble. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument in a non threatening environment and once they acquire this skill they can take it anywhere in the world. Statistics also indicate that children who are exposed to such programs benefit academically from the experience.

J Huckerby
Principal

Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age. A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
On Tuesday, 3rd of November at 7:30 pm there will be a parent information session held in the staffroom to inform parents about the Inquire Program for 2016.

Gordon West has a strong commitment to meeting the needs of all students and the Inquire Program complements this commitment by providing opportunities for students in Years 3-6 displaying gifts and talents, in the area of literacy and numeracy.

The program aims to engage and motivate students through providing an appropriate way for them to learn sophisticated content and high level thinking skills while building self efficacy, confidence and autonomous learning behaviours. The information presented will be about the intended program for 2016 and explicit information surrounding the testing process and the parent and teacher recommendations that accompany the test scores.

Parents will be given the opportunity to ask questions and have anything clarified about the program.

We welcome parents of students in Years 2-5 this year that may be seeking information about the program for 2016.

Mrs Garland
Inquire Program Teacher 2015

Dear Jim,

On behalf of the Heart Foundation, I am writing to express our thanks to the students, families, friends and staff of Gordon West Public School for participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program in 2015. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Tricia Hirst, whose efforts in co-ordinating the program greatly contributed to its success.

Critical to the success of Jump Rope for Heart is the passion, motivation and commitment of teaching staff that co-ordinate the program within the school. The commitment of staff just like Tricia, has a positive impact not only on the health of the students but also in the heart health of the broader community. Tricia has been a true heart health champion and should be commended for the time and dedication spent facilitating the Jump Rope for Heart within your school.

We are most appreciative of the $6,851.24, raised by your school community. Heart disease remains the single leading cause of death in Australia. By supporting the Heart Foundations Jump Rope for Heart, your school community is making a positive contribution to the health of all Australians, raising much needed funds for heart research.

We trust that Jump Rope has contributed to the health of your students by encouraging healthy lifestyle behaviours and showing them the many benefits of participating in regular physical activity.

Once more, thank you for your invaluable support and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2016.

Warm Regards,

Soraya Russell
National Jump Rope for Heart Field Officer
You are invited....

The Fund Raising and Social Committee will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 5 November at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Venue will be announced in the next Bulletin once the RSVPs are in. Please contact Megan Guenther on dmem4@yahoo.com by Friday October 30.

Christmas Cheer

Our end-of-year Christmas drinks for parents are coming around fast. See below for your year’s event.... more details available from your class parents.


All about FRASC

Interested in joining FRASC next year? Or just finding out more about how the committee operates? You’ll find information about us on the school website. Just go to www.gordonwest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/parent-information/p-c/frasc

A huge thank you to...

...Vanessa Spanswick, and to the year 6 and 3 class parents who contributed all the delicious goodies for Cake Day and helped serve and clean up, we couldn’t do these things without your help!

Book in now for 2016

The FRASC committee is seeking expressions of interest for next year – please let us know if you are considering being a class parent rep or member of the committee for 2016. We welcome all to take part in an energetic and dynamic group of parents who really make things happen for their school... please contact Megan Guenther dmem4@yahoo.com
All parents, citizens and staff are warmly invited to attend the

**GWPS P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2015**
**7:30PM IN THE STAFF ROOM**

The goal of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) of Gordon West Public School (GWPS) is to assist the staff and teachers of the school to ensure that all students at the school receive a quality education encompassing both academic and non-academic pursuits in an inclusive and safe learning environment. GWPS is highly successful due to the tremendous support and involvement of parents.

At the AGM each year, the P&C committee positions are declared vacant and election of all new Executive Committee and Sub-Committee Members will take place.

All members of the school community, both old and new, are invited to nominate for any of the positions, and are encouraged to attend the meetings, participate in the voting and become involved in the running of the school for the year to come.

The P&C meets once a month on a Monday evening during each term. The meetings are friendly and informal and we welcome all our school parents and any concerned citizens to join us and find out what is going on at your school and share your views and expertise.

We understand that parents have numerous commitments outside of the school arena and it’s very hard to fit it all in. For those parents working, or at home with toddlers during the day, being involved with the executive or a committee that meets in the evening is a great way to stay connected and informed of what’s happening at our school.

The committees and the activities organised by the P&C cannot continue without parental help and the input of new parents is both essential and much appreciated.

Please read the below descriptions for each of the Executive and sub-committee roles. There is a nomination form for the positions. You are also encouraged to become a member of the P&C to ensure you can influence and vote on matters at the meetings.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Many thanks,

**James O’Keefe**
**P&C President**

**28 October 2015**
GWPS P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nomination form - GWPS P&C Committee Member for 2016

I hereby nominate:

Name: ____________________________________________

For the position

Position: ____________________________________________

Nominated by:

Name: ____________________________________________

Signature: ______________________ DATE: ____________

I second the Nomination

Name: ____________________________________________

Signature: ______________________ DATE: ____________

I accept the Nomination

Name: ____________________________________________

Signature: ______________________ DATE: ____________

Please Note: To serve on a P&C sub-committee or the Executive you need to be a financial member of the GWPS P&C Association. The $1.00 annual membership fee may be paid at the AGM on 16th November 2015 with the application form or returned to the school office addressed to the P&C Secretary prior to the AGM.

Nomination Form to be forwarded to Gordon West Public School P&C Secretary

Received by P&C Secretary on ______________________

GWPS P&C Nomination Form – November 2015
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION
GORDON WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009)

APPLICANT

I .................................................................................................................................
(Full name of applicant)

Of ..............................................................................................................................
(Address)

............................................................................................................................. hereby apply to become a member of the Gordon

(Occupation)

West Public School Parents and Citizens Association. In the event of my admission as a member, I
agree to be bound by the rules of the association for the time being in force.

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(Date) (Signature)

NOMINATOR

I ................................................................................................................................. a member of the association, nominate
(Full name of nominator)

the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the association.

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(Date) (Signature)

SECONDER

I ................................................................................................................................. a member of the association, second
(Full name of nominator)

the nomination of the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the association.

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(Date) (Signature)

Please include payment of the $1.00 annual membership fee with this form and return to the
school office addressed to the P&C Secretary.

GWPS P&C Membership Form – November 2015
Overview of roles and responsibilities

**P&C Executive Committee Positions**

**President** – Chairs meetings which consist of one executive and one general meeting per term, plus any other special P&C meetings called. Supports the school principal as and when required in a range of activities. Attends P&C functions when able. Liaises with the parent body and other committee convenors on issues raised, either privately or at P&C meetings.

**Vice-President (x2)** – Attends all P&C meetings when able, chairs meetings in the absence of the president. Supports the P&C President and the school principal as required. Attends P&C functions when able.

**Secretary** – Takes minutes at all executive and P&C meetings and circulates to attendees and P&C members. Handles correspondence as required after consultation with the executive committee. Prepares notes for the school newsletter regarding P&C activities as required. Assists the president and vice presidents in their duties as and when required.

**Treasurer** – Responsible for receipting and banking of all monies from P&C fundraising and any other sources relevant to the P&C. Controls the bank accounts, maintains cheque books, deposits and online banking, and ensures outstanding accounts are paid after approval. Prepares a financial report for each P&C meeting and prepares the P&C accounts for auditing each calendar year, and arranges for the audit to be carried out in a timely manner. Attends all meetings and if unable to attend submits a financial report for the meeting. Liaises with treasurers of other P&C subcommittees and is an ex-officio member of these committees.

**P&C Sub-Committees**

In addition to specific roles on the P&C committee, there are a wide variety of opportunities for you to make a difference. The P&C has a number of sub-committees to address the main areas of P&C activity. Each Committee is chaired by a Convenor who organises committee meetings, co-ordinates the activities of the committee and represents the committee at P&C meetings. Other committees may be formed if required.

The sub-committees also have a Treasurer who works closely with the P&C Treasurer and is responsible for managing the sub-committee accounts and quarterly reporting to the P&C. These Convenors and Treasurers are elected at the AGM each October.

**Fundraising and Social Committee** – The FRASC Committee organises the social events and fundraising drives which help create and bond the school’s vibrant community spirit. This group meets as required (once or twice a term) and they have as much fun organising events as those who participate!

Recent major events include the 2014 & 2015 Gordon West Welcome Fest, 2014 Bollywood Trivia Night, 2013 & 2014 Movie Events and 2012 Girls Night Out. These socials - which often include silent auctions, raffles and art auctions - result in fantastic goodwill and memories for school families.

The Fundraising and Social Committee is also responsible for catering for school functions such as the teachers Lunch and K - 2 Christmas Parties and providing morning teas for visitors to our school on special occasions like the Showcase Open Day and Grandparents’ Day.

**Canteen Committee** - The Canteen Committee manages and runs the School Canteen, which follows the Department of Education’s recommendations for a Healthy Canteen.

**Uniform Shop Committee** - This Committee oversees the smooth operation of the school Uniform Shop which operates before school on Wednesdays. The shop sells the full range of new school uniforms at very reasonable prices and also offers good quality second hand clothing at significantly discounted prices.
**S'ANDYS CORNER PLAYGROUP**
For children with special/additional needs

0 – 5 years
Thursday
10am - 12noon
(During School Terms)

@ St Andrew’s Uniting Church,
Corner of Vernon and Chisholm St
South Turramurra

CONTACT:
Christine Palmer 9449 2129
Val Weakley 91447324

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**DIAMOND LEAGUE**

**WAHROONGA FC & WEST PYMBLE FC**
COMBINED 2016 SELECTION TRIALS

**AGES:**
G11, G12 & G14 For girls turning 10 – 14 years old in 2016

**DATES:**
SUNDAY 08 NOVEMBER AND SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

**TIMES:**
4:30 – 6:00PM

**VENUE:**
Charles Bean Oval, Eton Rd, Lindfield

**BRING:**
Water bottle & sunscreen

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER AT**
www.wahroongafc.com.au

**CONTACT – Stephen Wilson 0412 501347 or g12.agemqr@wahroongafc.com.au**
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**DID YOU KNOW**

Lucas Cummings (2D) competed in his first National competition for the 2015 Australian Ice Racing Short Track Championship. Lucas came 5th in his overall ranking for the Under 9 Year-Old division.

Well done Lucas!
ASSEMBLY AWARDS
21/10/2015

KD  Jack FitzGerald, Dominic Hayes, Stephen Sun
KH  Jonah Zreika, Harry Woo, Taylor Gooding
KS  Geena Hwang, Jaren Sun, Chen Rong
KZ  Paige Emmerson, Annabelle Zreika, Jemima Covey
1F  Omran Darwich, Andy Huang, Nina Southworth
1P  Archie Gray, Vanessa Wu, Oliver Ammiss
1S  Sayaka Chuah, Jioh Kim, Angus Carley
1W  Teo Hansen, Bowie Park, Heather Zhou
2D  Aaron Yang, Tevin Kim, Marta Fraser
2S  Vincent Chen, Ines Danziger, Oliver Dean
2W  Rohan Nairn, Patrick Thomson, Hugh Tucker
2Z  Scarlett Shin, Lotte Agnew, Harry Steel
3A  Enoch Tang, Tayah Altman, Rhys Pichler
3H  Mateo Moscoso-Zuluaga, Zach Jang, Xan Jobbins
3T  Bianca Peterson, Jacob Zreika, Ivy Matthews
4M  Junhee Seo, Valentina Holding, Joel Christoduss
4R  Clio Moran, Nick Bagnall, Charlotte Housden
4/5S  Jaein Kong, Katie McPartlin, Chris Goh
5D  Clarisse Tsang, Jaimee Armstrong, Justin Je
5W  Tillie McCutcheon, Gemma Golding, Maddie Copley
6D  Maddie O’Reilly, Scarlett Faktor, Ishaan Marathe
6E  Caitlin Fletcher, Charli Bird, Monique McEnearney

28/10/2015

KD  Isabella Mark, Dana Jang, Wyn Yen
KH  Scarlett Gerke, Leah Allison, Lachlan Dyer
KS  Camilla Dresner, Liam Broome, Alicia Baek
KZ  Hercules Chen, Gabriel Allan, Jasmine Cooke
1F  Arabella Gerke, Sam Collett, Vivian Chi
1P  Tabitha Riyaz, Sacha Littlemore, Woosung Lee
1S  Ben Rose, Cameron Dillon, Rainbow Wang
1W  Tyson Neal, Penelope Danziger, Alisa Leung
2D  Ava Lawler, Jasmine Keith, Cameron Riege...