Welcome back to what we anticipate will be another great year at Gordon West. I hope your vacation was enjoyable and restful. The first newsletter for the year outlines a number of school procedures and I apologise to those parents who have read this same information every year. However not withstanding the information contained remains very important. Parents can also request a hard copy of the Gordon West Information Handbook or access the information on the school website.

We encourage all parents to use the new website as an information source and we appreciate suggestions as to how we can improve our website to facilitate better communication between the school and the community we serve.

Classes have been finalised and teachers and children have settled quickly back to work. Best Start Kindergarten testing has been completed and the new Kindys have settled in well. Thank you to all staff who worked so hard to ensure this would happen. Having the last two days of Term 4 and day 1 of this term designated as school development days is always very productive. Current school enrolments entitle us to 22 classes which makes for a very positive school organisation model with only one composite class. 2W, currently located in the school library will shortly move into a new demountable building. Parents of 2W children have received more detailed information in relation to this situation.
Staff Changes We have a number of staff changes this year. We welcome all new teachers to Gordon West and trust their stay at our school will be mutually beneficial.

To those teachers who have moved on we thank them for their contribution to Gordon West and wish them all the best.

School Organisation 2015

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Mrs Pat Robertshaw

RFF Mrs Jane Laskaris
Mrs Gillian Spencer
Miss Melissa Keighran
Mrs Helen Hayward

Computer Mr Graeme Coates

Gifted and Talented Program
Mrs Donna Garland

Composite Classes Every year I am asked why we need to have composite classes. The staffing formula for primary schools is a whole school staffing formula. Teachers are provided on the basis that no Kindergarten class need exceed 20 students, no Year 1 class need exceed 22 students, no Year 2 class need exceed 24 students and no Year 3 to 6 class need exceed 30 students. Unfortunately, children do not enrol in groups of 20, 22, 24 etc. necessitating on occasions the formation of composite classes.

At Gordon West we have 557 children enrolled and a set staffing formula. We then have to work out the best organisational model for the whole school taking all factors into consideration.

Once this exercise has been completed we then get on with providing the best possible opportunities for the children of Gordon West. We encourage all Gordon West parents to become actively involved and be very supportive of their school.

As mentioned previously, we are very happy with this year’s organisation.

School policy is that unless requested by a parent a child is not placed in a composite class two years in a row.

Should any parent wish to discuss the issue of composite classes or any classes for that matter please do not hesitate to call me. An enormous amount of effort goes into the selection of children for the classes and that is partly the reason that I am very reluctant to change children once a class has been formed.

School Satisfaction Survey/School Planning Survey/SchoolMap Survey Feedback from the three surveys has been overwhelmingly positive. Results of the survey will be collated and then discussed at the meeting of the School Self Evaluation Committee on Friday 6 February.

Follow up will be conducted on all suggestions with the committee reporting back to the P&C.

Survey results/responses will be published in future newsletters.

Thank you to Ms Harper, Ms Alfred and Mr O’Keefe for reviewing the parent survey results.
School Procedures  At this time of year it is very important to inform new school parents and to remind all parents of certain school procedures that will facilitate the smooth and safe operation of the school.

School Times—
Morning Assembly     9.10am  
Recess      11.15—11.35am  
Lunch 1.05—1.55pm  
Kindergarten Dismissal will be at 2.40pm until Friday 27th February.  
Year 1—6 Dismissal  3.10pm  

Official playground supervision commences at 8.45am.  Parents must assume responsibility for any child arriving at school before this time.  (Children involved in official before school activities are exempt from this regulation.) Children arriving late to school or leaving early must check in with the administration office so that this information can be electronically recorded.

 NSW School Terms -
All dates are inclusive
Term 1  28/1/2015-2/4/2015  Term 3  14/7/2015-18/9/2015
Term 2  21/4/2015-26/6/2015  Term 4  6/10/2015-16/12/2015

Change of Family Details  It is most important that you let us know immediately if there are any changes to address or phone numbers.  Please complete and return the proforma sent home this week. It is essential that the school be notified in writing of Family Court Access Orders, especially if there are any access issues.

Payment of School Accounts  Invoices for all Term 1 activities (including sport, stationery items, Tennis, Sport Skills, Band, etc.) will be sent out shortly and the date for payment will be on the invoice.  If you are unable to pay by the due date/s please contact me.

Administration of Prescribed Medications  If it is not possible for medications to be administered outside school hours the office staff will administer medications on an intermittent or emergency basis only. The following procedures must be followed:

  1 Where possible the quantity of medication should be supplied on a daily basis, in a suitable container, clearly marked with your child’s name, giving details of the medication and the dosage.
  2 An indemnity form is to be completed and signed by the parent. These forms are available at the school office.

Your child will be responsible for remembering when to go to the office for the medication, as it is not always possible for teachers or administration staff to remind children.

As you may be aware, asthma medications should be kept with the student and administered only when necessary. In the case of young students it is possible for the self administration of asthma medications to be supervised by administration staff.

Monday Morning Assembly—A formal flag raising ceremony is held on Monday mornings. The school captains and/or prefects lead the children in reciting the School Pledge.

School Pledge -
This is our school
Let peace dwell here
Let the rooms be filled with contentment
Let love abide here.
Love of God,
Love of one another
Love of life itself.
Let us remember that,
As many hands build a house
Many hearts make a school

I Honour my God
I am loyal to Australia
I love my School
I respect the Flag.
Children Unsupervised in the Playground After Hours Although we encourage responsible after hours usage of our beautiful grounds, the above practice is fraught with danger and parents are advised to exercise common sense and caution in relation to this. Skate board riding is banned because of ongoing damage to school property.

Vandalism or Suspicious Activities If you see any suspicious activities in the school grounds please report them immediately to the NSW Department of School Security Unit. The 24 hour contact number is 1300 880 021. Please do not hesitate to report any untoward events you witness on the school grounds after school hours.

Supervision of Toddlers The Parents as Partners policy is paramount to the successful operation of the school. Toddlers are welcome in the school as the future generation of our school. However, it goes without saying that parents are responsible for the supervision of their younger family members when they are on school ground. Responsibility includes ensuring that normal school rules, such as not climbing trees or playing in the gardens, and leaving sticks and stones on the ground, are adhered to.

Students Attending Lessons Outside School During School Hours Legally attendance is required at all times when the school is open for the students’ instruction, unless the student is prevented from attendance for reasons of sickness, danger of infection, temporary or permanent infirmity, suspension or expulsion or some misadventure or unforeseen event. Involvement in private lessons outside the school during school hours may not be conducive to the effective operation of schools nor to the education of the individual student concerned. Students should, therefore be encouraged to arrange any extra curricula activities outside of school hours. In cases where attendance at a private lesson during school hours is of importance, eg sitting for examinations, principals may use their discretion in granting short leave. If parents withdraw their children for private lessons without approval during school hours, the absences will be recorded as unjustified absences.

Code of Conduct Included with this Bulletin is our Code of Conduct specifically related to incidents of bullying. While incidents of bullying are relatively rare at Gordon West, they do occur. Therefore, we must empower our children to be able to handle the situation should it occur. We seek your assistance in reinforcing this strategy if necessary. No, Go, Tell are three very powerful words that Gordon West children learn and hopefully use should the need arise.

School Sport Children are required to sign a code of conduct as a requirement for participation in PSSA (Primary Schools Sports Association) sport. We may have to consider a similar code for those few well intentioned but over zealous parents who feel they have the right to place their own interests above what is considered the best interest of the whole school when attending PSSA competition matches and school carnivals. We thank you in anticipation of your exemplary behaviour at PSSA sport and school carnivals.

Class Contact Lists A parent contact list for every class will be distributed to families in the next few weeks. If you do not wish to have your address and/or phone number included on these lists please indicate on the form contained in this bulletin and return to the office by Friday, 13 February.

Kindergarten Lunch Thank you to Mrs Penny Dillon for hosting this very enjoyable function. This event has become a regular feature of the Gordon West calendar and is an excellent means of welcoming new parents to the school. Also this was the first official opportunity of our wonderful Deputy Principal Miss Karen Harper to meet the new parents of Gordon West.

Prohibited Employment Declaration Once again all volunteers will be asked to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration, which in summary declares that you are not a prohibited person under the terms of the Child Protection Act of 1998. If you signed a declaration last year there will be no need to sign another this year.

School Band Mrs Walmsley continues to run an excellent band program. Our four tier program has proved very successful. Thank you to Mrs Heather Findlay from the school Administration team for her tremendous amount of work to ensure that the band program runs efficiently. We look forward to our band program going from strength to strength.

Staff Development Days are extremely valuable for school organization and teacher professional development. We thank you for your support of these days as we realize Staff Development Days can be a challenge for parents. On our Staff Development Day on Tuesday 27 January we were able to provide an opportunity for excellent teacher professional development. Thank you for your ongoing support.
A big thank you to Mr Sparke (4/5S) for organising the creation of many exciting games on the school asphalt during the school holidays. All teachers and OSHC have been given copies of the rules of these games which also can be found on the school website.

Sam our greatly respected and appreciated school General Assistant had the misfortune to suffer a major heart attack during the vacation. He is now recuperating at home. At Sam’s approval listed below are his contact details requested by a number of Gordon West children and parents. Sam has asked to pass on his gratitude for the many well wishes sent to him.

Sam Castelnuovo
45 Hazelmead Road
Asquith 2077

Communication It is essential that excellent communication exists between the school and the community which we serve. Please contact us should you have any queries no matter how minor you feel they may be. If it is important to you, it is important to us. Our parent surveys continually emphasise the importance of improving communication between the school and the community.

The school is completely accountable and sincerely hopes that every member of the school community would feel comfortable in approaching a staff member at the school, should the need arise. Mr O’Keefe, President of the P&C, also welcomes feedback on any aspect of the school organisation.

We look forward to a good year with Gordon West realising its vision to be a school of excellence with a definite purpose and direction and equally as important being a happy, safe and secure home away from home for all children.

J Huckerby
Principal

Student Contact Details

Please ensure your Student Contact Details sheet is sent back to school (due tomorrow) so that we can compile our class contact lists for this year.

Thank you
CODE OF CONDUCT
BULLYING POLICY

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES
1. Show respect towards people and property.
2. Do your personal best.
3. Work and play safely and cooperatively.
4. Listen to and follow directions carefully.

BULLYING POLICY

Definition of Bullying “Bullying is the conscious desire to hurt, threaten, frighten or exclude someone by physical or verbal means”

Bullying includes:
- name calling
- physical violence eg pushing, shoving, hitting
- spreading nasty rumours about another student
- damaging another student's property
- threatening other students
- extortion eg stand over tactics to obtain food and money
- forcing students to do something they do not wish to do
- teasing another student about their opinions
- students, as a group, intimidating another student or group of students

POLICY STATEMENT
At Gordon West:
- Every student has the right to expect that he or she will spend the whole school day - both in and out of the classroom - free from bullying.
- Students have the right to feel happy and safe at school.
- Bullying is unacceptable.
- Students are responsible for their own behaviour.
- Students are required to respect other individuals.
- A school free of bullying allows students to do their personal best.
- Students are encouraged to report bullying N0-GO-TELL

CONSIDER YOUR BEHAVIOURS TELL NO ONE “I’ll keep it all to myself”. If you do you will feel alone and the problem will get worse.

TELL A TEACHER on duty.
TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT A “trusted adult” is a person in the school with whom you feel comfortable.
TALK TO YOUR PARENT Discuss the situation with your parents. If you need further assistance encourage your parent to phone the School.

GOOD DISCIPLINE AND EFFECTIVE LEARNING

The NSW Public School Discipline Policy

Sections of the policy which are relevant to bullying
- Every student has the right to expect that he or she will spend the school day - both in and out of the classroom - free from bullying.
- Students have the right to be safe and happy at school.
- Students have the right to be safe in and around the school.

NSW Schools have the following requirements of all students:
- respect for other individuals
- no violence, discrimination, harassment, bullying or intimidation
- peaceful resolution of conflict
- compliance with school discipline policy
KEYBOARD PLAYER WANTED
The school band requires an experienced keyboard player for Concert Band 2. Please advise the office if you are interested in trying out for these positions. Auditions will be held in week 3.

2016 YEAR 7 GIFTED AND TALENTED TESTING
When: Monday, 30 March 2015 : 8.45 am – 12 noon
Where: St Ives High School Hall, Yarrabung Road, St Ives
Cost: $70 (non refundable)

Applications close Monday, 20 March 2015.
An information pack will be sent on receipt of payment and application form.

Expressions of Interest String Ensemble Yr2-6.
Last year Gordon West established a string ensemble under the excellent leadership of Askar Nurlanov. Given the wonderful performances of the ensemble it is a little surprising that numbers are not as strong as expected for this year’s ensemble.
If you are interested in your child joining the ensemble please complete the attached form and return to the school as soon as possible.
We have also expanded the expression of interest to include children from Year 2 this year.

.................. string ensemble expression of interest

My Child ................................................................. of class ...........................................
Is interested in joining the String Ensemble in 2015.
Signed:....................................................... Date:.................................
Gordon West Welcome Fest
Saturday February 28th

AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, FOOD AND SOCIALISING

Our very popular WELCOME FEST is the main event for term 1. We have bouncy castles, tea cup and flying chair rides, Adrenalin Rush, fairy floss, snow cones, BOP TILL U DROP and so much more!!!

This is a great way to join in and meet the school community.

Bring your own picnic or try some yummy treats from the Asian food stall.

We would love to see some volunteers to ensure another successful event.

If you are able to assist please let us know by contacting Megan Guenther on dmem4@yahoo.com or 9418 4616.

Look out for more details in the next bulletin.

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About FRASC

The Fundraising and Social Committee (FRASC) is a group of school parents who enjoy planning and presenting various school social events for students, their families and the local community. Our work helps to raise valuable funds to enhance and maintain our school’s facilities.

Like to be involved?
We will be having our next meeting in the special purpose room (next to the library) at 2.00pm on Friday 6th Feb.
Please contact Megan Guenther dmem4@yahoo.com or 9418 4616 for more info.

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Class Parents We need more!

We still need parent reps from each year. This is a great way to be more involved with your child’s class. Some of the activities class parent reps are asked to assist in include:

- organising social events for parents,
- requesting volunteers for cake days and school events like grandparents day.

We still need volunteers for the following:
- girl parent KD
- girl parent KS
- boy & girl 1F
- girl parent 1P
- boy parent 1S
- girl parent 1W
- boy parent 2S
- boy & girl 2W
- boy & girl 4M
- boy parent 4/5S
- boy & girl 5D
- boy & girl 5W
- girl parent 6N

If you would like to be involved please contact Anja Linessen on anjalineen@yahoo.com.au

Many thanks to all those who have already put up their hand.
Bookclub orders are due **Monday 9th February**

For 2015 Scholastic have revised their catalogues and each child will now receive one. Scholastic have also introduced a new online ordering and payment option, LOOP, whereby parents are able to register with www.scholastic.com.au to place their order and payment directly, eliminating the need for order forms to be returned to school. Books will continue to be delivered to school and distributed to the classrooms.

Payment accepted by:

1. LOOP – online at www.scholastic.com.au
3. Cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia
4. Cash (accepted but not preferred) – notes and minimal gold coins. No change given.

If not paying by LOOP please fill in **ALL** parts of **EVERY** order form and return to the school.

I’d like to acknowledge and extend a warm thank you to Julie Ward who has co-ordinated the bookclub over the past several years and is now passing the baton to me. Julie, thank you for all your time.

Stacey Hayes
Parent Co-ordinator
0400 095 751
SALE

Swimsuits are on sale in the Uniform Shop just in time for the Swimming Carnival on 19 February save up to 60% but only whilst stock lasts!

Girls swimmers were $42 NOW $15

Boys swimmers were $25 NOW $10

We also have swim caps available in your house colours – come and get one for only $3.50!!

Uniform Shop hours Friday 8-9.30 am
Contact: Jane Baxter
Email: cvpsuniformshop@gmail.com

FREE Teeball & Modball Open Day

KPSC is hosting a free “come & try” teeball and modball session for girls 5-12 years of age. Basic softball skills & friendly game play are on offer. All equipment and coaching provided. Perfect chance to try teeball or modball before committing to registration.

Date: Sunday Feb 22
Time: Teeball (5-9yrs) 3:00-4:00 Modball (10-12yrs) 4:00-5:00
Location: Auluba Sports Oval South Turramurra
Contact: Laura Ovens, KPSC
Email: kissingpointsoftballclub@gmail.com
Phone: 0404 486 032

Regular winter softball season registration for girls and women of all ages is also now open.
Season runs Sat April 18-Sept 5.
Please visit the website www.kissingpoint softball.org.au or register in person at Auluba on Sunday Feb 22, 3:00-6:00pm

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9987 5530

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM 1 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

Child & Adolescent Parenting

- Building Resilient Kids: Workshop (8-12 yrs)
- Resilience & Mental Health: Workshop (12-18 yrs)
- Building Strong Families: Workshop (All Ages)

Parenting Programs

- Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Seminars (3-5 yrs)
- Tuning In to Teens Course (12-18 yrs)
- Tuning In to Babies Course (0-2 yrs)
- Tuning In to Toddlers Course (2-3 yrs)

Healthy telephone: 9987 5530

- CPR & First Aid Training
- Community Health Workshops
- Nutrition Workshops
- Smoking Cessation Workshops
- Stress Management Workshops
- Social Skills Workshops
- Technology Skills Workshops
- Workplace Health Workshops

Available at Northern Sydney Local Health District, Level 2, 186 Pacific Highway, Chatswood, NSW 2067


WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9987 5530 (2-2.5 hours)

- Under 5s: Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, Sleep, Toilet Training
- 5-12 yrs: Triple P Parenting, Social Skills, Toilet Training
- 13-18 yrs: Mental Health, Social Skills, Healthy Relationships
- 18 yrs+: Mental Health, Social Skills, Healthy Relationships

Parenting Programs: 9987 5530

Families can receive support and information about parenting, child development, and family health. Services are available to all families, including those who are experiencing stress, financial hardship, or other challenges.

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9987 5530

NSW Government

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LENNON IN THE SCHOOL HALL WITH MISS LYNNE

JAZZ, HIP HOP, MUSICAL THEATRE & MORE.

FIRST LESSON FREE FOR NEW STUDENTS & HALF PRICE TERM 1.

After school care children will be brought to the hall and picked up after class.

For all enquiries, please call Lynne

0437 737 967.

Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin

Mandarin Language Club at Gordon West Public School!

The Mandarin Stars program offers:
- Small class sizes.
- FUN, engaging and highly interactive
- Mandarin classes for non-native learners.
- An immersion based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, puppet shows, puzzles and games.
- A fun introduction to reading & writing Chinese characters!
- The discovery of Chinese culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

Classes on Tuesday afternoons
3:15pm – 4:00pm for K- Yr2 Students
4:00pm – 4:45pm for Yr 3-6 Students

Please contact us directly &
BOOK A FREE TRIAL LESSON!
Email: enrol@mandarinstars.com.au

www.mandarinstars.com.au ★ enrol@mandarinstars.com.au ★ Ph: (02) 8437 2498
**KWP Rugby**
**Touch Football and Rugby**
**Registration Day**
Sat 31st Jan
8am - 2pm
West Pymble Shops
(or register online: kwprugby.com.au)

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**Why should I let my child play rugby?**
- It’s safe. Less injuries than other winter sports.
- Learn great skills and to be a team player.
- Great mateship which lasts for years.
- Rags only $99 inc uniform.
- We play Sundays, so you can keep your Saturday commitments.
- U6 - U9’s train on Friday nights with the club open for kids dinners and parents drinks.
- It is a lot of fun for the kids and parents too.
- All Welcome, boys and girls.

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**Questions/concerns?**
Email: Both O’Koofo: both.okoof@optusnet.com.au
Gemma Dean: gemdean@hotmail.com

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**INFORMATION DAY**
Saturday 31st January 2015
from 9am - 1pm
West Pymble shops
All age groups: Juniors, Youth,
All Age Mens & Womens.
Register online at
www.wpfcs.asn.au

“I want to be a Pymble player.....”
YOUR LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUB SINCE 1957
Come and play football at Wahroonga Football Club

Wahroonga Football Club is seeking junior boys and girls for the 2015 season and registrations are now open. Fixtures will commence in April. The club’s aim is for children to enjoy playing football and have the opportunity to develop their skills. The club will provide assistance on how to join a team or form a team with your friends as well as hold a manager information night (tips on managing a team). We run free Grass Roots coaching courses for parents/team coaches.

We are running a pre-season skills development program for U6 – U11 commencing on 10th February (NO COST FOR U6– U7).

More information can be found on the club website at www.wahroongaafc.com.au or contact the Club Secretary, Anita Stickland, at sec15@wahroongaafc.com.au or on 0400 985 909.

We are a family orientated club and we look forward to welcoming you in 2015.
Marion Fix School of Ballet

Specialist Tuition in young children
All Classical Ballet classes conducted by the Principal with individual interest and care
Excellent Examination Results

When: Tuesday afternoons
Where: Gordon West Public School

9487 1821  0416 065 373

Gordon West P.S Hall
REGISTER FOR A
FREE
Trial Drama Class!
VALUE $10.00
ENROL NOW FOR TERM 1 2015
THURSDAYS IN THE HALL
K to Yr 2  3:20 to 4:20 pm
Yrs 3 to 6  4:20 to 5:20 pm

www.kidsupfront.com.au  9953 4040

Hook In2 Hockey - 2015

Hook In2 Hockey is a fun, introductory FIVE session program for players aged 6-12 years who have never played hockey or who have only played one term of 6-a-side or junior school hockey.

The program is a great way for children to try hockey and learn some core hockey skills.

This clinic is timed to enable those subsequently interested to then consider participation in a GNS Under 9, Under 11 or Under 13 team for the 2015 winter season.

Hook In2 Hockey:
Session 1: Sunday 15th Feb, 4:30-6:00 pm, Pennant Hills Hockey Centre
Session 2: Friday 20th Feb, 6:30-8:00 pm, Pennant Hills Hockey Centre
Session 3: Sunday 22nd Feb, 4:30-6:00 pm, Pennant Hills Hockey Centre
Session 4: Friday 27th Feb, 6:30-8:00 pm, Pennant Hills Hockey Centre
Session 5: Sunday 1st Mar, 9:00am - 3:00pm, Ku-ring-gai Hockey Centre

Cost: $130 per player

Registration:  www.gnshockey.ansu.au
Follow the tabs ... Development / Hook In2 Hockey

2015 GNS U9 & U11 Pre-season Carnival

Kay kids, looking for a fun hockey event to start the new year?
The 6-a-side, small field format is ideal for children both new to hockey and those that have played before.
For children of ages 6-10 years (as at 1st January 2015).
Enter a team of 7-9 players or register as an individual (to be placed into a team).

Need to borrow a hockey stick? No problem.

When: Sunday 1st March 2015, 9am – 3pm
Where:  Ku-ring-gai Hockey Centre
Cost:  $40 per player
Registration: www.gnshockey.ansu.au
Follow the tabs ... Juniors / GNS U9 & U11 Pre-Season Carnival
Dads & Kids Camping Weekend

It's on again! Dads & Kids are going away for the weekend!

When: 6th -8th March 2015: Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Can’t make it for the whole weekend (sporting commitments etc.), just camp for 1 night or come across for the day and say hello!

Where: The Basin Campground, Pittwater

Camping Costs: $28 per adult/$7 per child per night.

Booking: Click to book. Alternatively contact the Customer Experience Team on 13000 72757.

Activities: Swimming, touch footy, soccer, cricket, fishing, bushwalks, bonfire (bring marshmallows) etc.

Bring: Tent, sleeping bag, cooking equipment, food & beverages, sun protection, swimming gear and sports gear (Bring everything!).

Food: The weekend is self-catered (it’s recommend dads share catering & each cook one group meal). There are free gas BBQs (you can also buy ice and bait each morning)

Groups: If you would like to join a group but don't know where to start, please contact Scott Makin: e: scottmakin100@gmail.com

Getting there: The Basin campground is on the western foreshores of Pittwater in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. To get there:

- Take the Palm Beach ferry which departs on the hour between 9am - 5pm from Palm Beach Wharf ($15.40 Adult/$7.70 Child return)
- If you own a boat, anchor in the sheltered bay opposite the picnic and campground.
- Drive and park along West Head Road, then walk along the 2.8km Basin Track to The Basin.

Facilities: Amenities block, cold showers, flush toilets, gas/electric barbecues, wood barbecues (firewood supplied), drinking water and public phone.

Note: This is not a School or P&C sanctioned event. Parents are advised that risk management procedures and supervisory practices are the responsibility of the camp participants with the school having no involvement whatsoever.

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DON'T FORGET!
The Smash Walking Bus is available from GWPS & WPPS.
Check out the website for details and permission forms.

Who: Kids in Yrs 3-5
Where: St Matthew’s Church Hall
2 Eppleston Pl, West Pymble
When: Fridays during term
3:15-5:00pm
What: Fun, games, food, Bible time, craft
and more!
How much: $7 per week (incl. afternoon tea)
For more Info: Gai Aylward

Join us on Friday afternoons for SMASH as we

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It's going to be HUGE!!
**BULLETIN HARDCOPIES**

This bulletin is available on the school website every fortnight for all parents to view. To reduce our impact on the environment the printed copy of the bulletin will only be provided to families who specifically request a hardcopy.

Please complete this form and send to the school office if you require the bulletin in hardcopy format:

Eldest Child’s Name:………………………………………………………………....  Class:…………………..
Parents Signature:…………………………………………………………………………………

**FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS**

We do not wish to have our family contact details distributed to other parents in our child’s class.

Child’s name:……………………………………………………………………..
Child’s Class:………………………………………………………………….
Parents Signature:……………………………………………………….  Date:………………..

Please complete this form and return to the office if you do not wish to be included on the class contact lists for your child’s class.