Principal’s Report

Easter Hat Parade/ Easter Picnic A big thank you to everyone involved in this very special event. Although very little has changed since I participated in similar Easter activities as a child this is one event where all members of the school community come together in celebration. An array of hats, baskets, crazy hats, sandwich boards and masks were on display for the very large number of parents and grandparents who traditionally support this event.

Our Gordon West String Ensemble entertained the gathering with two lovely pieces a Canon and La Cucaracha. The school Concert Band 1 followed proceedings with beautiful renditions of 3 popular pieces, Hall of the Mountain King, Celtic Air and On Broadway.

Congratulations to the organising committee of Ms Wolujewicz, Miss Souter and Ms Zieba. The Year 6 Farewell Easter Basket raffle was also very successful raising over $1300 towards the cost of staging the very popular Year 6 Farewell Dinner/ Dance to be held in Term 4.

Congratulations and thank you to the Uniting Scripture teachers whose responsibility it was to conduct the Easter school Ecumenical Service held on Wednesday of this week. The service was beautiful and highlighted the great importance of the Easter religious celebrations in the Christian calendar.

A big thank you to catechists from all denominations who teach scripture at Gordon West.

What a successful band camp held at Vision Valley on Saturday and Sunday of last weekend!

Members of the Concert Band 1 and Concert Band 2 spent a weekend of intensive musical instruction together with the opportunity to participate in a number of fun activities. The Gordon West children chose canoeing, the waterslide, archery and climbing as their preferred Vision Valley supervised activities and certainly had a great time. Together with outdoor games and a movie evening organised by accompanying Gordon West staff the children had a very exciting and productive weekend.

The Band Camp concluded with a brilliant concert with both bands demonstrating their skills by very capably playing compositions that they had practiced over the weekend.

A big thank you to Ms Keighran, Ms Zieba, Miss Hortense, Mrs Brown and my wife Julia for giving up their weekend to join in the spirit of the occasion ensuring that the children had a great time.

A big thank you to Mrs Findlay (School Office) for organising all the administration side of the camp to ensure the weekend went smoothly.
**After School Pickup** Parents are requested to remind their children that if parents are late for afternoon pickup or if children are confused regarding afternoon pickup arrangements students are to go to the Administration steps to wait until the situation is resolved.

**He’s Back….** Welcome back to our wonderful General Assistant Sam who has been recuperating at home since suffering a heart attack during the Christmas vacation. Sam’s sense of humour and huge work ethic have been missed during his absence.

**Thank you to the school community for your support of the school uniform policy.** The wearing of our school uniform contributes to establishing and maintaining a positive school image and ethos. Parents are reminded that students will have the option of wearing full winter uniform from day 1 of Term 2. The compulsory wearing of the winter uniform will commence Tuesday 5 May 2015. Parents are also reminded that the first day of Term 2, Monday 20th April will be a School Development Day. The Gordon West OSCH will be open on this day.

Thank you for a very successful Term 1. Enjoy the break.

Children will return to school on Tuesday 21 April 2015.

J Huckerby
Principal

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**Inquire Program Survey**

Participants in the 2015 Inquire Program have been using Project Based Learning which aligns with the Integrated Inquiry Units being studied in their classrooms. The students have put together two surveys to record the Australian public’s views.

Years 3 and 4 (Stage 2) have been investigating the question “Should we change our national anthem?” and Years 5 and 6 (Stage 3) have been looking into whether Australia should become a republic. Background research has been conducted by the students and in order for them to come to a conclusion, they are seeking as many opinions as possible on these real world issues. Each survey will take no more than five minutes to complete. Please click on the links below to locate the surveys or visit the Gordon West website and click on the links on the Home page. Your confidential input is greatly appreciated.

Links to both surveys:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Stage2InquireSurvey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Stage3InquireSurvey

Donna Garland
Inquire Program Coordinator
a HUGE thank you

....to Derek Bilney and James Fisher
for organising and running the election bbq.
This was a fabulous service to the community and
we manage to raise over $1000! Great work....
Thank you to all of those volunteers
who helped out on the day.
We couldn’t do these things without your assistance.

Fund Raising & Social Committee

Like to be more involved in the
school? Come along to the next
Fund Raising and Social
Committee meeting. They are
usually held once a term to
discuss how best we can
service the school. All
parents and carers are welcome.
Email Megan Guenther on
dmem4@yahoo.com

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 2nd April
  Easter Hat Parade

- Coming up in term 2....
  - Friday 1st May @ 2pm
  - FRASC Meeting
  - Special Projects Room
    (Next to Library)

- Tuesday 19th May
  Cake Day

- Wednesday 27th May
  Grandparents Day
STUDENT NEWS

SPORTS RESULTS

MODBALL RESULTS

20/3/15
Snrs vs BYE
Jnrs vs Pymble won 11-6

27/3/15
Snrs vs West Pymble lost 4-14
Jnrs vs Roseville lost 1-8

CRICKET RESULTS

No cricket games due to lack of ovals.

TOUCH FOOTBALL RESULTS

20/3/15
Jnr Girls vs Chatswood won 4-1
vs St Ives Pk won 5-2
Snr Girls vs Chatswood won 3-0
vs Pymble drew 1-1
Jnr Boys vs Chatswood lost 0-1
vs St Ives Pk drew 0-0
Snr Boys vs Pymble 3 won 2-0
vs Pymble 1 won 2-0

27/3/15
Jnr Girls vs Masada won 4-0
vs Pymble won 3-1
Snr Boys No games
Jnr Boys vs Masada won 1-0
vs Pymble drew 1-1
Snr Girls

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge

Hercules Chen KZ
Jonathan Chen KZ
Hajin Yun KS
Arabella Hayes 1S
Hayley Jang 1S
Keela Simpson 4/5S
Mark Campbell 5D
Rachel Ling 6D
The 2015 | 2016 Sydney/Sydney North Entertainment™ Membership is coming soon with thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers!

Pre-order your entertainment Membership before April 20 and receive bonus offers valued at over $150.00.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising.

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**SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES**

Current as at 1 July 2014

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**NO STOPPING**

Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Maximum Penalty

- $415 + 2 Deremit Points

**BUS ZONE**

Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty

- $173 + 2 Deremit Points

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**DOUBLE PARKING**

You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Penalty

- $311 + 2 Deremit Points

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- **STOP** in a NO STOPPING zone: $311 + 2 Deremit Points
- **STOP** on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): $415 + 2 Deremit Points
- **STOP** on path/strip in built up area: $173 + 2 Deremit Points

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Spaces still available for boys & girls rugby union

Killed West Pymble (KWP) Junior Rugby Union club still has spaces available for U9, U10, U11 & U12 players for the 2015 season. We play Sundays so you can keep your Saturday commitments.

To register please visit [www.kwpnrl.com.au](http://www.kwpnrl.com.au) or if you have any queries please contact Ann-Louise Brookesby on 0412 060 077.
HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAMS

A holiday tennis clinic will be conducted at Gordon West Public School during both weeks of the school holidays:

Clinic 1 April 7-10th (Tues-Fri) 9.30am-2.30pm  
Cost $180

Clinic 2 April 13-15th (Mon-Wed) 9.30am-12pm  
Cost $80  
or  
9.30am-2.30pm  
Cost $140

Enquiries and enrolments:  
Scott on 0414 554 612

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Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child?

Local foster carers needed

Family and Community Services are seeking people in the local area to provide short term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0–18 years that are unable to live with their own families.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance.

If you are interested in making a difference and helping children reach their full potential, please call 9765 5000 or email fosteringwithfacs@facs.nsw.gov.au

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NRL HOLIDAY CLINICS

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2015  
WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2015

Cost: $40 per participant (includes boot bag, footy, and other merchandise)

10th APRIL Venue  
Barra Brui Oval, 2A Burraneer Avenue, St Ives

15th APRIL Venue:  
Tantallon Oval, Tantallon Road, Lane Cove North

Time: 10am-1pm  
(registration commences at 9.15am)

Who: Boys and Girls aged 5 years-12 years

Morning Tea provided

ALL REGISTRATIONS ONLINE at playnrl.com

Follow links to “Find a Holiday Clinic”

PLAYNRL.COM