What a beautiful Grandparents’ Day! Sometimes events just turn out beautifully and today’s celebration of the role of grandparents certainly did. The children were great in presentation and performance, the student comperes were confident and competent, the morning tea was scrumptious, the weather was magnificent and all grandparents were well behaved. What a wonderful day! Grandparents are always welcome at Gordon West and are encouraged to become involved in the many activities associated with the school. We love grandparents’ day where the grandparents are so appreciative of what our school is providing for their grandchildren. A big thank you to Jessica Fleming (1F) for coordinating the program and also thank you to Sarah Daniels and her team for providing a delicious morning tea.

There is certainly a lot happening at the school. The school is currently evaluating school practice in relation to birthday parties, class awards, special days and any other occurrence where unhealthy food may be consumed. The purpose of this evaluation is to ensure that a healthy, reasonable balance is achieved with teachers, parents and children all being responsible for the development of healthy eating habits.

School lunches are the responsibility of the parents of Gordon West. However for all the obvious reasons we encourage parents to “pack” healthy lunches. School policy is that sharing of lunches is prohibited. It is the parents’ prerogative as to what is included in the lunch box. However lollies and chips on a regular basis may not be appropriate for your child’s health and we certainly don’t want this “red” food shared.
Birthdays are often celebrated in the classrooms. For some children this is the only public celebration of this very important occasion and they bring an item of food to share with their classmates. Parents are now choosing healthier food types to celebrate these special occasions and we encourage this trend e.g. low fat ice creams, fruit skewers, low fat cakes etc. A number of parents regularly leave special food with the class teachers so that they determine what their child eats at special celebrations. **All of these options are available to the parents of Gordon West.**

School staff who reward effort and achievement with jelly babies and/ or chocolates have been asked to evaluate this practice in keeping with the Healthy Schools policy. We are certainly not instructing staff to cease this practice, just to evaluate and modify if necessary.

In summary the Gordon West P&C, the FRASC and the school are always proactive in relation to ensuring our school’s Healthy Foods policy is implemented and are making changes where deemed necessary. Moderation is the operative word with the emphasis being on educating children, parents and teachers in the sensible consumption of food. We thank you for your support.

A **number of children have been wearing tracksuit tops** with their winter uniform which is not appropriate under the Gordon West Fair Discipline Policy. The expectation is that all children will wear full winter uniform. Please ensure that all uniforms are clearly marked so that they can be returned to the owner should they be misplaced. The Student Council has collected many unmarked items of clothing which eventually will be donated to the Clothing Pool.

**Dogs! Dogs! Dogs!**

It has been brought to my attention by a concerned Gordon West parent that a number of animals are being brought into the playground with dogs being predominant. Parents are advised that dogs are not permitted on the school premises no matter how cuddly they may appear.

The teaching of a language other than English is often raised at meetings of Gordon West parents. The school’s position is that we do not have time available to teach a language in school time given the demands of all Key Learning Areas. However if parents would like a language taught before or after school the school will provide a room with the parents paying for the tuition with the understanding that only Gordon West children will attend.

**Thank you to the parents of Gordon West for taking the time to complete a number of surveys of late.** It is of utmost importance that we ascertain the opinions and position of the school community on issues or proposed courses of action. The Gordon West Parents and Citizens Association is in the process of developing a 5 year plan for future expenditure. Parents are being surveyed as to where they would like their money directed. Mr Derek Bilney chaired a meeting of the P&C Five Year Plan Committee on Monday evening last. A number of proposed projects are being costed and parent opinion will be canvassed.

**Teacher Professional Development at Gordon West.** The expectation is that teachers at Gordon West will adopt a culture of ongoing professional development to ensure that the school remains abreast of best practice education. The expectation is that all Gordon West staff will attend appropriate courses for their level and stage of development. On a regular basis the school will report on the professional development courses attended by teachers. Parents are advised that because Gordon West is a collaborative programming school, where all teachers of the Stage group, plan and assess as a team, casual teachers employed to substitute for teachers attending courses fit very quickly into the Stage organisation with the children’s education being enhanced. Gordon West teachers always prepare detailed lesson plans for the casual teacher who more often than not is known to the children through other associations with the school. What I am emphasising is that Gordon West children are not disadvantaged by their teacher attending professional development courses that actually improve the competency of the teacher with the ultimate beneficiaries being the children of Gordon West.

J Huckerby
Principal
2016 Kindergarten Enrolments

If you have a child who will be enrolling in Kindergarten in 2016 please call into the school office and collect your enrolment form.

If you are unable to visit the office or have neighbours/friends who need to enrol for 2016 the forms are also available on our website.

We are now processing the 2016 Kindy enrolments and would like to start assessing our numbers for next year.

Other documents required for enrolment include birth certificate/passport, immunisation papers and proof of address.

Whooping Cough

A student who attends Gordon West Public School has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough (pertussis).

What are the symptoms?
Whooping cough usually starts with a runny nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air. Whooping cough can cause a severe illness in young children particularly those aged under 6 months.

How is it spread?
Whooping cough is usually spread by direct contact with the droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person produced whilst coughing. People at greatest risk of getting the illness are those who have had a considerable amount of face-to-face contact with a person with the disease. Whooping cough can occur in people previously vaccinated.

What should parents do?
Anyone developing symptoms should consult their local doctor and mention that there has been a case of Whooping cough in the school. Children who are diagnosed with Whooping cough need to stay away from school until they have taken 5 days of a special antibiotic.

For further information please refer to the NSW Health factsheet on whooping cough attached or contact the Northern Sydney Public Health Unit on 9477 9187.
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**Call Pippa on 0417 242 147. See the on-line order link in this Bulletin.**

Gordon West goes to the movies

Our highly anticipated annual movie afternoon is on **Saturday 20 June** from 2.30pm at Roseville Cinemas, Roseville. Come and see the latest movie from Pixar **Inside Out**. This beautiful movie presents a deeply humane, high-concept look at life, youth and nostalgia. **Look out for the separate flyer in the bulletin or contact Wendy Hawkins on 8901 3007 or at wendyhawkins295@gmail.com for more information.**

**dates for the diary**
- **Friday 29th May** FRASC meeting (special projects room) at 2pm... ALL Welcome!
- **Saturday 20th June** Movie Afternoon
- **Coming in Term 3....**
- **Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 August** Family photo's

Thank You... Thank You... Thank You... Thank You...

**Grandparents Day**... what a wonderful success! Many thanks goes to Sarah Daniels and ALL the many volunteers who helped serve and provide food. Your sense of humour and willingness to work so tirelessly is greatly appreciated.

**CAKE DAY**... and a BIG thank you to Vanessa Spanswick and all the Kindy & Yr 4 parents who provided cakes and goodies for cake day and to all those that helped sell and receive cakes. We raised $650.50 for the school. Well done Years K & 4!
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Saturday 30th May
8am – 2pm
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Delicious baked goodies, beautiful cakes,
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Pick up some tasty treats and support your local
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JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!
29TH JUNE – 3RD JULY 2015

SANDWICH & BITE-SIZED

years 3-6
29th June – 3rd July

year 2
29th June – 2nd July

The women of St Matthew’s invite
you to see the fabulous movie

Woman In Gold
at
Roseville Cinema, 112 Pacific Hwy
Thursday 11th June
7:30pm

Come along and enjoy an evening with friends,
All women over school age are welcome.

We’ll meet in the cinema foyer at 7:30pm for delicious
canapés and a talk before the movie.

Tickets are $18.50 and can be purchased online via the
church website www.stmatthewswestpymble.org.au
or with cash/cheque to the St Matthew’s office
(2 Eppleston Place, West Pymble, 9:30am-2:30pm)

Contact Chrisey for more information—0415 292 841

Booking close Friday 5th June

St Matthew’s
ANGELIC CHURCH WEST PYMBLE
2 Eppleston Place, West Pymble
**Children's Author Afternoon Tea**

With Kate Forsyth, Jan Latta & Belinda Murrell

Whoever said that there is a crowd couldn’t be more wrong! We have a triple treat with local authors Kate, Jan and Belinda joining us for a scrumptiously delightful afternoon tea.

If you have ever wanted to know what it is like to create a book, join us to hear how our wonderful authors find their inspiration and ideas. Questions are more than welcome on the day.

Signed books available for purchase

**Tuesday 2 June**

**Time**
4pm - 5.30pm

**Venue**
Gordon Library
799 Pacific Hwy, Gordon

**Cost**
Free

**Bookings**
9424 0120
Any Kuring-gai Library branch
kmc.nsw.gov.au

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**Young and the Restless**

Young and the Restless is a language-play program for young toddlers aged 12 to 24 months.
Parents and carers will be shown how to engage with a toddler in early literacy activities that build understanding of concepts, language, movements, baby yoga, signing and interactive social play. Handouts will be available on the day to take home.

**Tuesday 2 June**

11am - 11.30am
Gordon Library
799 Pacific Hwy, Gordon

**Thursday 4 June**

11am - 11.30am
Turramurra Library
5 Ray St, Turramurra

**Cost**
Free

**Bookings**
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**Itsy Bitsy Babies**

Looking for ways to start sharing a love of language and learning with your baby or toddler?
Join us for some fun programs that will provide you with great ideas to try at home.

Itsy Bitsy Babies is a rhyme time program for parents and carers with babies under 12 months. Parents will be shown age-appropriate action rhymes, songs, signing, body movements and how to share books with young babies. Participants will need to bring a blanket on the day. Handouts will be available on the day to take home.

**Tuesday 2 June**

10am - 10.30am
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799 Pacific Hwy, Gordon

**Thursday 4 June**

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**Children’s Book Council of Australia Talk**

With judge Cathie Tasker

We all love books, especially well-written titles produced in Australia. This year the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) will be celebrating 70 years of promoting Australia’s quality literature to schools, bookstores and families.

We are thrilled to be hosting the NSW judge! Cathie Tasker will be talking about her experience as a children's editor and sharing her thoughts about what makes a good book.

Recommended for parents or adults interested in literature for young people.

**Wednesday 3 June**

6.30pm - 7.30pm
Gordon Library
799 Pacific Hwy, Gordon

**Cost**
Free

**Bookings**
9424 0120
Any Kuring-gai Library branch
Gordon.library@kmc.nsw.gov.au
STUDENT NEWS

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

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

Sam Collett 1F
Jasmine Keith 2D
Finn McCloaghry-Young 2D
Rohan Nairn 2W
Angelina Gunawarman 4R
Nicholas Nairn 5D
Alicia Baek KS
Georgia Spanswick 4/5S

Tiffany Wong KD
Justin Cai 1W
Vanessa Wu 1P
Lucy Hudson 2S
Siyeon Seo 2W
Nicholas Jackson 3A
Sarah Hudson 4/5S
Abby Jackson 6D

SPORTS RESULTS

Netball Results
15/5/15
Jnr 1 vs Lindfield won 20-2
Jnr 2 vs Roseville lost 0-6
Jnr 3 vs St Ives lost 0-18
Jnr 4 vs Pymble won 8-1
Snr 1 vs West Pymble won 52-10
Snr 2 vs Lindfield East won 16-8
Snr 3 vs Roseville won 18-4
Snr 4 vs Chatswood lost 7-9

Soccer Results
15/5/15
Div 1 vs Lindfield East
Senior A won 3-2
Junior A1 lost 0-2
Junior A2 won 2-1
Div 2 vs BYE
Senior B
Junior B1
Junior B2
KD   Wyn Yen, Tiffany Wong, Joy Hall
KH   Ethan Yu, Sophia Benson, Lachlan Dyer
KS   Hajin Yun, Zara Darwich, Owen Bezzina
KZ   Annabelle Zreika, Paige Emmerson, Hercules Chan
1F   Nina Southworth, Vivian Chi, Sam Collett
1P   Charlotte Denney, Sam McEnearney, Felicity Bai-Yang
1S   Sabina McIvor, Hayley Jang, Angus Noble
1W   Alisa Leung, Nambi Henderson, Vivienne Eaton
2D   Rhea Soni, Zarina Nurlanov, Kevin Yu
2S   Yue Leon Chia, Vincent Chen, Sienna Holding
2W   Benjamin Speed, Thomas Reeves, Livia Lin
2Z   Amilie Zhao, Christopher Wang, Lotte Agnew
3A   Christopher Chappell, Annabelle O’Halloran, Hamish Rankin
3H   Oliver Evans, Lukas Iliopoulos, Lillian Kohlhoff
3T   Lily Phair, Josh Bilney, Amelia Watkins
4M   Bella McIvor, Olivia Armati, Ivy Van Grecken
4R   Orlando Douglas-Giles, Daniel Keith, Ella Magee
4/5S  Jaein Kong, Ella Murray, Christopher Goh
5D   Chloe Mudadu, Izabella Perego, Nick Nairn
5W   Hayley Yeomans, Finlay Easson, Stella Lawler
6D   Yena Yoon, Louis Tomlinson, Rachel Ling
6E   Jason Ye, Amber Wood, Tony Du

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DRIVEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS
A driver must not stop on or across a driveway or footpath. This is for access and safety for pedestrians.

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