Principal’s Report

Once again congratulations to the eight netball teams and to the Senior soccer team for reaching the semi finals of their respective PSSA competition.

Unfortunately at eight o’clock on the morning of the semi finals our risk assessment inspection of the courts found that most courts were either covered with water or had large amounts of water on them. Also it was still raining. Following the inspection and without hesitation I cancelled the netball semi finals for reasons of safety.

Of course the day turned out to be a beautiful spring day.

To ensure that the finals were completed by the end of Term 3 a decision was made that the teams that finished first and second in their competition would play off to determine the champion team.

Congratulations to the Senior A and Junior A netball teams for winning their divisions.

Commiserations to the Junior 3 and Junior 4 netballers who were defeated in the finals.

Our Senior A Soccer team were also winners defeating Roseville 3 to 0 in the final.

Congratulations to all teachers, students and parents of all our PSSA teams on a magnificent season.

Speaking of magnificent achievements!

The Gordon West Showcase for 2015 was certainly a remarkable event.

To a packed school assembly hall with many others standing outside the Showcase ran like clockwork and the children performed with gusto and enjoyment.

The audience warmly acknowledged the wonderful overall performance of all Gordon West children and their teachers.

Congratulations to Mrs Garland and Ms Fleming and the Showcase committee for presenting such an entertaining event.

Mrs Daniels and her many helpers from FRASC provided a scrumptious morning tea in a “garden party” environment while parents and visitors were entertained by our three excellent school bands as many also took the opportunity to visit classrooms and the library.

It was an eventful day that made all of us very proud to be associated with such a wonderful school.
There was certainly no slowing down for the last week of Term 3 with two very successful Kindergarten Orientation mornings being held in the Kindergarten classrooms for the children who will be attending GWPS in 2016. While these children were busy doing a range of educational activities the parents were meeting each other in the school hall. We greatly appreciate that Mrs Daniels and her FRASC helpers provided a beautiful morning tea on both occasions.

The Year 4 Turramurra Learning Community Powerful Project Expo Day was held in the school hall on Tuesday. Year 4 students and their mentors from Year 9 at Turramurra High School presented a variety of expositions on the endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot. Parents and guest were provided with the opportunity to learn how we can protect these endangered species and successfully share our environment with them. This occasion also provided our children with the opportunity to showcase their newly acquired skills of utilising the iPads as an effective learning device. The students proudly demonstrated their iBook compilations on the Southern Brown Bandicoot in which a wide range of apps were used to inform, entertain and persuade the audience. The students found the project highly engaging.

A big thank you to Mrs Jackson for organising the Band Breakfast on Wednesday morning where band parents were entertained by a selection of musical renditions from classical to more modern compositions. The enthusiasm of the Training band was contagious and one could observe the progression in musicianship as the more experienced bands played. Although joining the band program can be another commitment in a very busy family schedule the benefits of being a member of such a dynamic focused group are immense and can be a lifetime experience. Once a child learns to read and play music they can take this skill with them wherever they may go. Congratulations to Mrs Walmsley and to Ms Harvey on their achievements with the Gordon West Band Program.

Thank you for your support over the past term. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Students and staff resume on Tuesday 6 October 2015.

J Huckerby
Principal

Tell Them from Me, Partners in Learning parent Survey

The Tell Them From Me Partners in Learning survey is currently open for parents and carers of GORDON West students to complete. Please use the online link provided to access the Tell Them From Me Site:

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17946&j_password=Gor3943

The survey reinforces the need for strong communication between parents and the school. Parents/carers can use this survey to inform the school about important aspects of school life from their perspective and will assist future school planning.

We welcome you to share your views on the school’s support of student learning and behaviour and provide us with valuable insight into our students’ practices and activities at home.

All Gordon West parents/carers can take the survey online in their own time. The survey usually takes less than 15 minutes to complete and is anonymous.

The survey closes on the 18th September 2015.
STUDENTS NOT RETURNING 2016

Could all students (except Year 6) who are not returning to Gordon West in 2016 please complete this form and return it to the school office so that we can start looking at our enrolment numbers for 2016.

Student Name:…………………………… Class:…………………….

Destination School:……………………………………………………………..

Signed:…………………………………………………….  Date:……………………..  

(Parent or Guardian)

FRASC NEWS

Thank you to all of the Kindy parents and Sarah Daniels who helped with the catering and serving for the Kindy Morning teas, it is a great way for the new parents of 2016 to be introduced into the fabulous school community that we have and without you it would not be as enjoyable.

Thank you to all the parents who donated their time and food and especially Sarah Daniels for organising the Showcase refreshments. The guests were very enthusiastic of all that was on offer and we appreciate the extra work that you all made to help make the day such a success.

Some year Christmas parties have started to be organised already. Don’t forget to contact Wendy Hawkins to organise any catering supplies if you are hosting.

Any questions please talk to your class parent reps.
Yr 2 - Wendy Hawkins - Sunday November 22nd
Yr3 - Kylie Byrne - Saturday November 21st
Yr 6 - Fiona Mance - Tuesday November 24th
Yr 6 - Larissa Daniels - Saturday December 12th

The FRASC AGM is on Thursday November 5th so please save the date. An invitation will go out to the school next term.

Thank you to Jo McIvor who usually does this newsletter, as you can see she is very much more talented than I. Full frills will be back after the holidays. MG
IMPORTANT

Starting next term the Uniform Shop will NO LONGER ACCEPT CASH.

We will still accept:
• Visa
• MasterCard
• Cheque
• Eftpos
• Flexischools online

Gordon West Uniform Shop, Open Friday 8.30 – 9.30am
gwpsuniformshop@gmail.com
Next term instead of hot soup at recess we will be selling fruit salad for $2 and it will also be available for lunch orders.

**Online Orders:**
What to do if you miss the 8am cut off time?

Call Flexischools 1300 361 769 and ask them to organise a late order. They will contact the canteen and put your order through.
A tennis clinic will be conducted in both weeks of the school holidays at Gordon West Public School catering from beginners to advanced levels. 1/2 day and full day options available.

September 21-23 Mon-Wed 9.30am to 12pm or 9.30am to 2.30pm
September 28-30 Mon-Wed 9.30am to 12pm or 9.30am to 2.30pm

3 full days $140 or 3 1/2 days $80
Enquiries to Scott 0414 554 612

**Term 4 Tennis Lessons**
Enrolments for Term 4 tennis lessons before school and after school available. Enquiries and enrolments to Scott 0414 554 612
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Zone Athletics Carnival 2015

Gordon West - Zone Champions

Congratulations once again to Gordon West who took out overall 1st place honours at the Zone Athletics Carnival. It was a day where nearly 100 track races and 24 field events for close to 600 students were run. Thank you to all the children who gave their personal best, the parents for their amazing support and Mrs Mance, for acting as Team Manager.

The following were the final results:

**Boys**
Lachlan Herbert
- 1st jnr long jump
- 2nd jnr shot put
- 1st 9 yrs 100m
- 1st jnr 200m
- 3rd jnr boys relay

Max Steel
- 3rd jnr boys shot put

Harry O’Neill
- 3rd 11yrs discus

Austin McDonald
- 2nd 12/13 yrs long jump

Sehan Samaragunaratna
- 1st 12/13 yrs discus
- 3rd 12/13 yrs long jump
- 3rd 12/13 yrs shot put

Zac Herebert
- 1st 8yrs 100m

Rory Easson
- 3rd 8yrs 100m

Will Blackburn
- 2nd 12yrs 800m

Tom Fitzgerald, Jay Daniel and Tom van Dijk
- 3rd jnr relay

**Girls**
Georgia Spanswick
- 2nd jnd long jump
- 1st jnr high jump
- 2nd jnr shot put
- 1st jnr discus

Stella Lawler
- 3rd 11yrs discus

Jess Maciver
- 1st 12/13yrs long jump
- 1st 12/13yrs shot put
- 1st 12/13yrs discus
- 1st 12yrs 100m
- 1st 12yrs 200m
- 2nd snr relay

Skye McCully
- 3rd 11yrs 800m

Chloe Mudau
- 3rd jnr shot put

Caitlin Fletcher
- 2nd 12/13yrs shot put
- 3rd 12/13yrs discus
- 2nd snr relay

Tillie McCutcheon and Charlie Bird
- 2nd snr relay

Sydney North Area Athletics Carnival

**Final Results:**

Lachlan Herbert - 1st 9 yrs 100m / 1st 200m

Jess Maciver - 1st 12/13yrs long jump / 2nd 12/13yrs shot put / 3rd 12/13yrs discus

Sehan Samaragunaratna - 1st 12/13 yrs discus

Lachlan, Sehan and Jess will now compete at the NSW PSSA State Athletics on Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 October at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre. We wish them all the best.
Jelly Baby Day
In aid of Type 1 Diabetes

Date...
Friday 18/08/15

You can participate in a create a jelly baby flavour as well as a guessing competition for how many jelly babies are in the jar!

Wear a colour of your choice from head to toe!

Bring a gold coin donation to help support Type 1 Diabetes!

Thank You from the SRC