



GYMEA BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Personal Values Weeks 6-10

**Doing your best - participate, hand in work on time, do things for yourself,
don't blame others, challenge yourself, strive for excellence**

Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is our last newsletter for 2017. I wish to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic teaching staff for providing such a high standard of education at Gymea Bay PS. When visitors walk through our school, they see children learning, working, smiling and laughing. The administrative team led by our School Administrative Manager Mrs Megan Pope has been an ongoing support to me, our teachers, students and community. The office staff work tirelessly and I cannot speak more highly of their expertise.

I would like to thank the P&C team for their great support of our school and its expectations. We certainly would not be such a great school without the commitment our P&C provide ensuring we deliver such outstanding programs. One of the many strengths of Gymea Bay Public School is its volunteers who generously give of their time to support our students and teachers. Working together we know is the key to our success. The students and staff thank our volunteers for all that they have contributed to our school. To the leadership team thank you for your dedication and support of our students and our community goals.

Lastly I would like to thank our exceptional student leadership team led by our 2017 captains and prefects. Well done, you have been an inspiration for all of our students. To families and students who are leaving, I wish them all the very best for the future and we hope Gymea Bay Public School holds special memories. 2018 looks to be another exciting year with many opportunities for our whole school community to explore.

It is always difficult to say goodbye to people who have become an important part of our school community. This week we announce that Assistant Principal Ms Rachele Winning will be leaving us for 12 months. We wish Ms Winning every success as she takes up a newly formed role with the University of Wollongong. To all the staff who will be leaving Gymea Bay thank you for your diligence, care and professionalism. We wish you every happiness and success in your endeavours.

Mrs Hendrika Green, Relieving Principal at Campsie Public School has been appointed as the Principal of Gymea Bay Public School. Pending a 10 day appeal process Mrs Green will start her new position at the commencement of Term 1, 2018. We know the community will welcome and support Hendrika as she commences in the role of Principal at Gymea Bay PS next year.

After just over 1 ½ years, this will be the final week that I will be Relieving as Principal at Gymea Bay Public School. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Gymea Bay School Community for giving me the honour

of leading in such a wonderful learning environment. To the parents I have worked closely with and to the parents I have an occasional conversation with as I pass through the playground or when I am on crossing duty, thank you for your support and friendship. As the Relieving Principal I know Gymea Bay is a fantastic school and we have achieved a great deal over the last few years. We have worked hard as a staff, along with the P&C; to do everything we can to make the school an excellent place to educate our children and to meet our school vision and strategic directions. To the Gymea Bay staff, thank you for the work and dedication put into making the school a supportive, safe and nurturing environment. Particular thanks to Mrs Beck, Mrs Reece and Ms Britton who as Deputy Principals have made for a formidable team. The biggest thank you however, is reserved for the students, past and present. You make coming to work each day a pleasure. I have learnt so much about resilience, effort, determination, dedication and learning from each of you. Teaching is a privilege. Leading the school for such a lengthy period has been an even greater privilege. On behalf of all the teaching and administrative staff I would like to wish all families a safe and restful festive season and we look forward to a most productive year in 2018.

Year 6 Farewell – A Night to Remember.

Well, what a night it was and such a fitting send off for a wonderful group of Year 6 students. The weather was lovely, the venue was superb and the fun began the minute you walked through the door! Last Thursday night year 6 students and staff from Gymea Bay Public School attended the Year 6 Farewell at the Tradies Gymea. It was fantastic to see the students dressed up in their party clothes and looking so grown up and ready for high school. Over the course of the evening food was eaten, speeches were made, the cake was cut and the dancing just kept on coming. It was great to see staff up and dancing with students. Before everyone knew it the night was over and it was time to say goodbye to friends with many tears shed as students realised their time at primary school was coming to an end.

As always, there are many people to thank for such an amazing evening. The Year 6 Farewell once again was superbly organised by Stage 3 staff led by Miss Jones. The amazing cake that drew gasps of awe from the students when they saw it! We would like to thank all the staff who gave up their time to attend the evening and the Stage 3 teachers for their generosity of time and efforts in helping to organise all that goes with creating an evening such as this. We would like to wish our year 6 students all the very best for the future. You are a talented group of girls and boys. You should be very proud of your achievements.

2018 Start-up Arrangements

School resumes for students (except for 2018 Kindergarten students) on Tuesday 30 January 2018.

On the first day of school next year, please line up under the COLA in your 2017 class group. Kindergarten 2017 will be supervised by year 6 teachers, many of whom are teachers of their current buddy class.

Kindergarten Best Start assessments for our new 2018 kindergarten students will commence on Tuesday 30 and will proceed through to Thursday 1 February. Our new 2018 Kindergarten students will commence school on Friday 2 February 2018. Families will be informed by mail of their Kindergarten Best Start time.

Whilst enrolments stabilise over the first week of 2018, all students will be placed in a holding pattern. Whilst in the holding pattern, all students will be participating in meaningful work. We anticipate all students will be placed in their class for the 2018 school year on or before Friday 2 February 2018. Based on current numbers we anticipate having 32 classes, including some of which may be composite. Please note the teacher your child has during the holding pattern may not be the teacher for the year. We are indeed lucky at Gymea Bay Public School to have so many skilled and wonderful teaching staff. Many hours have gone into placing your child into a class where teachers deem they will be best suited for the 2018 learning year ahead. We look forward to your support in this area next year as new classes are announced.

Class Stationery Requirements for 2018

Stationery lists for years 1-6 for 2018 will be emailed this week as a separate attachment. Hopefully having these lists early will be helpful for you and you may be able to pick up the great sales early in the year. Please note that children only need small pencil cases and a small number of markers and pencils, otherwise they waste a lot of valuable learning time sifting through a wide variety of colours and shades trying to make decisions about which marker or pencil to choose. Also be advised to purchase washable markers so that they do not mark clothes.

School Terms 2018

Students in Years 1-6 return to school on Tuesday 30 January 2018

TERM 1 2018 - Tuesday 30 January to Friday 13 April (Students return to school on Tuesday 1 May)

TERM 2 2018 - Tuesday 1 May to Friday 6 July (Students return to school on Tuesday 24 July)

TERM 3 2018 - Tuesday 24 July to Friday 28 September (Students return to school on Monday 15 October)

TERM 4 2018 - Monday 15 October to Wednesday 19 December (Return to school in 2019 will be advised)

School Security

There will be contractors on site during the holidays but if you notice any suspicious activity or groups of unsupervised youths in the school grounds please contact the 24 hour School Security Hotline on 1300 880 021 or Sutherland Police on 9542 0899. Thanks for your anticipated support.

Australia's Frog Count: Calling All Citizen Scientists

EVERYONE knows the little green frog goes "galumph" but do you know what sound a northern snappy frog makes? Thanks to the new smartphone app FrogID, budding citizen scientists can now listen to unique ribbits, croaks and chirps to help identify different frog species in their backyard. The app was launched recently by the Australian Museum to discover where frogs are at risk and how to conserve them. Data from the recordings is helping scientists paint a more detailed map of frog habitats, their breeding cycle and the risks they face. Scientists also hope the crowd-sourced mapping could lead to the detection of new species. More than 6,000 recordings have already been submitted since the Australian Museum launched the app on 10 November. Learn more and start contributing at frogid.net.au

Michelle Michael
Relieving Principal

GyMEA Bay Public School is a White Ribbon School

The White Ribbon Oath: 'I will stand up, speak out, and act to prevent men's violence against women'.



Calendar

Term 4	
Thursday 14 December	Picnic Day – Kinder
Thursday 14 December	Picnic Day – Year 2
Friday 15 December	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 15 December	Last day for students K-6

2018 Term 1	
Tuesday 30 January	Years 1 - 6 students return for 2018
Friday 2 February	Kindergarten students commence
Friday 2 February	Uniform shop open
Tuesday 13 February	School Swimming Carnival – Sutherland Leisure Centre
Monday 26 March	School Cross Country – Miranda Park

Award Recipients – Congratulations!

Merit Certificates

K-2

K/1W	James B
2L	Owen S, Jack B

3-6

3M	Jacques B, Michael W
4M	Calum W
5J	Joshua S

200 Nights

KH	Jamee W, Kobe M,
1K	Isla M

300 Nights Reading Award

KH	Rosalee B
3M	Jye C, Micaiah B
3S	Amity B