



GYMEA BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Community Values Weeks 6-11

Integrity - Standing up for what you believe in and standing up for others

Inclusion - Treating everyone fairly

Understanding - Seeing things how others see them

Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

School Holidays

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of what has been a very busy Term 3! We wish all of our students, families and friends a safe and happy holiday break. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers and school staff for their continued hard work and commitment to Gymea Bay Public School. This Friday 22 September 2017 is the last day of Term 3. Term 4 commences for students and teachers on Monday 9 October 2017.

Staffing News

We have recently received notification that Ms Rebecca Millar and Ms Andrea Kontozis have been successful through the merit selection process in securing classroom teaching positions and as such both teachers will be leaving us at the end of the year. As of 2018, Ms Millar will commence at Engadine PS in the role as classroom teacher and Ms Kontozis will commence at Brighton Le Sands PS also in the role as permanent classroom teacher. I know you will join me in congratulating both teachers on this fabulous achievement and wish them both every success for the future. Replacements for these roles will be filled from the start of the 2018 school year either by expression of interest or by Department of Education merit selection process in coming months.

It is with great pleasure we announce that Ms Jenaya Hardy has been appointed to our school as a permanent classroom teacher commencing next year. Jenaya comes to us as an Indigenous University Graduate and was a recipient of a prestigious NSW Teacher Education Scholarship (Aboriginal). Growing up in the Sutherland Shire, many in the Gymea Bay community would know Jenaya's highly respected family including her father, Jeff Hardy, a former first-grade NRL player for the St George Illawarra club who now directs the Clontarf program at Endeavour Sports High School. Jenaya's grandfather is Col Hardy (OAM), a respected Aboriginal elder who was born and raised in Brewarrina, north-western New South Wales. Col is a Kamilaroi man and came from a large family of 11 children. In 2007, Col was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to the country music industry as a singer and recording artist, and to the community through the delivery of outreach zoological education programs in regional areas. On Tuesday, Jeff, Col and Jenaya took time to visit the school to meet the staff and talk to some of the students. Col also performed to some of the children which was a lovely surprise. During term 4 you might see Jenaya as she is employed as a casual teacher prior to her commencing her full time role next year. I know you will join us in congratulating Jenaya on her appointment to our school and welcoming her into the Gymea Bay community.



Term 3 has been a very hectic term with a number of teachers taking Long Service Leave. At Gymea Bay PS we are very fortunate to have some wonderful casual teachers who have stepped into the classroom teacher's role seamlessly. The school would like to thank the following teachers for their dedication to our school and the classes they relieved in. Thank you Mrs Mead, Mr Craddock, Mrs Price, Mrs Cushway, Mrs Harris, Ms Butler, Mrs Kubiak, Miss Garner, Ms Foster, Ms Butler, Mrs Cherry and Ms MacFarlane.

Inquisitive Minds

On Tuesday 19 August a number of our students participated in the 2017 Inquisitive Minds Workshop held at Laguna Street Public School. The workshop comprised of a lesson, a problem solving relay and a group problem solving challenge and is designed to help students to solve problems more strategically. It was a great way to challenge our students and the day gives them the opportunity of working alongside like-minded peers. Our students performed exceptionally well taking first place in the group problem solving activity. The students informed me that several of the Gymea Bay PS teams were one or two points off first place. A special mention to Tobie in Year 5 who was awarded a medal for her efforts in problem solving on the day. Many thanks to Ms Jones who organised this event.

Wakakirri

On Wednesday 13 September our Wakakirri dance group once again performed to a very high standard at the NSW Wakakirri Grand Final held at Homebush last week. They won first place in the Division 1 section for their efforts. Congratulations to all dancers and special thanks to students who managed the props. A special thanks to the dance teachers for all their hours of dedication, and to parents for their support in organising and transporting the children to various rehearsals and events. The staff involved in coordinating Wakakirri work very long hours during this event and I would like to thank them for their commitment and hard work. We are very proud of this achievement.

Not returning next year? Anticipated Student Numbers for 2018

The school is busy planning for classes and teaching staff for 2018. We, therefore need to finalise our student numbers for 2018 so if you know that your children will NOT be attending GBPS in 2018, please send a note to the school office or email the school on gymeabay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with details of your children's names and current 2017 classes.

Also, if you have not already submitted an application form for enrolment in kindergarten next year and your pre-schooler is eligible to attend, it will soon be too late to receive an invitation to the Transition to School program. Invitations with all details will be sent home before the end of term to all enrolled kindergarten children for 2018.

Application forms are available from the school office or are available on our school website.

Go to www.gymeabayps.nsw.edu.au. We urgently need to confirm kindergarten numbers for next year.

REMINDER– Please complete the Gymea Bay Public Partners in Learning Parent Survey:

CLOSES this Friday 22 September

This Term, our school has been participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey has been open since August 28 and will close this Friday. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. Please take the time to complete it.

The survey can be found using the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017partnerslearning>

Michelle Michael
Relieving Principal

Gynea 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 3	
Thursday 21 September	Kurnell excursion 3M & 3F
Friday 22 September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 9 October	Start of school term for students
Tuesday 10 October	Tanken Japanese Language Centre excursion – 5C
Wednesday 11 October	Tanken Japanese Language Centre excursion – 5KM + 7 from 5L
Wednesday 11 October	Year 6 students enrolled in Kirrawee High 2018 - assessment – Kirrawee High School
Friday 13 October	Yr 2 swim program begins
Monday 16 October	Peer Support training day – year 6
Wednesday 17 October	Tanken Japanese Language Centre excursion – 5B
Friday 19 October	Yr 6 P.H.H.S Transition begins
Monday 23 October	Performing Arts Night Ticket Sales
Wednesday 25 October	Tanken Japanese Language Centre excursion – 5J + 7 from 5L
Tuesday 31 October	Bonna Point Reserve Kurnell excursion – Year 4
Monday 13 November – Wednesday 15 November	Yr 5 Bathurst Camp
Monday 13 November – Wednesday 15 November	Yr 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Tuesday 21 November	Ice-cream Day
Thursday 23 November	White Ribbon Assembly
Friday 24 November	White Ribbon Walk
Monday 27 November	Performing Arts Night
Thursday 30 November	Combined Scripture
Monday 4 December	Picnic Day – Year 3
Monday 4 December	Picnic Day – Year 4
Tuesday 5 December	Government High School Orientation Day
Wednesday 6 December	Presentation Day
Thursday 7 December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Monday 11 December	Picnic Day – Year 5
Monday 11 December	Picnic Day – Year 6
Tuesday 12 December	Picnic Day – Year 1
Wednesday 13 December	Games Day
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

Around our School

On Monday evening, our String Ensemble students had their exceptional talents on display in a collaborative performance with the Kirrawee High School Strings. Showcasing pieces that they've been learning throughout the year, both ensembles provided an evening of entertainment for friends and family in an intimate setting at Kirrawee's High School's performance space.

Our students will continue to work in close collaboration with Kirrawee High School for a number of additional upcoming performances. This program not only allows our students to develop in their musical knowledge, but enables them to work with peer mentors and share their love of the universal language of music!



National Bandana Day

GyMEA Bay Public School will be participating in National Bandana Day raising funds for CanTeen. CanTeen supports children and teenagers with cancer. Every year, another 23, 000 young people (63 per day) have to deal with the challenge of cancer.

Bandanas will be on sale Thursday 19 October and Friday 20 October before school and first half of lunch (Term 4, Week 2). They cost \$5, which should be brought in on the days.

If you have any questions, please see your Class SRC Representative or Mrs Turnbull.

Writing Program Term 4

The writing program with our local author Georgie Donaghey will continue in term 4. Our first session will be on Wednesday 11 October. All students need to bring their writing books with them for this session.

P&C News

We are thrilled that our P&C levy collection has totalled \$18,000 so far. The support of the school community for this strategy has been very pleasing. For those of you who did not have the chance to contribute a donation, there is still time. We are extending the collection period to the end of term. Come on GyMEA Bay let's try and hit the magic \$20,000!!!! It's all about the kids!!!!

We have had many achievements this term in the school to celebrate. Firstly congratulations to the teaching staff on being awarded the Secretary's Award for Innovation and Collaboration in Digital Learning by the NSW Department of Education. The P&C has donated many resources in recent years to support the school's technology programs and we are thrilled that the school's achievements have been formally recognised. Congratulations also to all the students who have participated in extracurricular activities this term. From our success at the Spelling Bee, to our bands, string groups and choirs performing at various festivals, our athletics champions and to our Wakakirri group winning the Sydney Region NSW Division 1 competition - WELL DONE!! We are extremely proud of you. My apologies if I have missed any groups. Thank you also to the teachers who have dedicated many hours of their time outside of school to make these achievements possible for our children.

At our last P&C meeting we had a very informative presentation from our acting Deputy Principals, Lisa Britton and Helen Reece, on the school's NAPLAN results from this year and the future directions and goals from the data. Well done to Years 3 and 5 - your results were excellent.

Finally I hope that all our families have a safe and relaxing school holiday period. See you for term 4!

Belinda Shoebridge
P&C President



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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

GYMEA BAY

SPORTY SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Sports orientated holiday program designed for children to emphasise fun, enjoyment and maximum participation.

WHERE	Gymea Bay Public School 205A Gymea Bay Rd, Gymea Bay NSW 2227 (sign in at the school hall)
WHO	Ages 4 - 12 years
WHEN	26 th , 27 th , 28 th September; 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th October 8:00am - 5:00pm
INFO	Kelly Sports is back again in Gymea Bay! These September/October school holidays will be as jam-packed as ever with Soccer, Foosy, Basketball, Tball, Cricket, exciting challenge competitions, dance sessions, a disco party and plenty of other activities to keep the kids entertained, active and having fun! The highlights of each day are as follows: • Tuesday September 26th: Super Soccer Day • Wednesday September 27th: AFL vs. NRL • Thursday September 28th: Minute to Win It • Tuesday October 3rd: Basketball Bonanza • Wednesday October 4th: Bat and Ball Day • Thursday October 5th: Disco and Dance Party
COST	• Full day: 8am-5pm: \$50 • 1 child for 3-Days: \$45 per day • 1 child for 6-Days: \$40 per day EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: Book in before Sunday 10th September and receive our EARLY BIRD SPECIAL of just \$40 per day!! FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE WHEN BOOKING IN 3 OR MORE KIDS!
BRING	Don't forget to bring the following on the day: • Hat • Jumper • clothes and shoes appropriate for sports • drink bottle (access to bottles for drinks/water) • recess, lunch and snacks
HOW TO BOOK	1. Head to kellysports.com.au 2. Search 2227 to find the Gymea Bay event 3. Select 'Book Now!' and follow the prompts




HEATHCOTE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

COLOUR DASH

Saturday 28th October 2017

Find us on [f / hepscolourdash](#)

Family Fun Day 12pm - 5pm Mimosa St, Heathcote East
Obstacle Course | Jumping Castle | Food Stalls & Sausage Sizzle
Colour Dash 2km at 1pm | 5km at 2pm | 10km at 3pm



REGISTER NOW
Early Bird Tickets from just \$20 | Register by 30 Sept. to receive discounts
www.hepscolourdash.eventbrite.com.au

Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors!



DRAMA SCHOOL FUN

@ GBPS

Creating Awesome Confident Kids

Monday-Thursday 5-7 Years 3pm-4.15pm Term 4 50% OFF		Wednesday-Thursday 8+ Years 4.30pm- Term 4 25% OFF
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"CONFIDENCE AND FOCUS FROM DRAMA HAS GIVEN MY SON THE EDGE"
"Drama day is the best day of the week!"
"The Kids have great fun and are learning (without knowing it!"

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

WHEN? 27-29 September 2017
WHO? 5+ years
TIME? 9.30am-3.30pm
WHAT? Games & Performance
WHERE? Gymea Bay PS
COST? \$180 (Book before 20 September) OR \$200
MATES RATES Get a friend to enrol, you get a further \$20 OFF
FREE CARE 3.30pm-4.30pm

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PARENTING RESILIENT KIDS



We are inviting parents and their primary-school aged children to take part in a new online parenting program designed to provide parents with strategies to parent with confidence and stay connected with their pre-teen child.

WHAT IS THE RESEARCH ABOUT?
You are invited to participate in research being conducted by Monash University, led by Dr Marie Yap. The research aims to evaluate whether our new online parenting program can help empower parents and in turn build their child's resilience.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?
You will be randomly allocated to one of two groups, to receive either:
1) An individually-tailored, interactive online parenting program that will give you practical strategies you can use to parent your child more confidently.
OR
2) An information package of 8 weekly factsheets about child development and well-being. We will give you a 5-minute call once a week until you have completed your allocated program. We will ask both you and your-child (if they agree to take part) to complete some online surveys at the beginning, and after 3 and 12 months.
In total, participation in this research will take a few hours of yours and your child's time over 12 months. To say thank you, you will be reimbursed with a gift voucher.
All components of the online program can be done using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?
Parents or guardians of a child aged 6-11 who live in Australia, are fluent in English and have internet access.

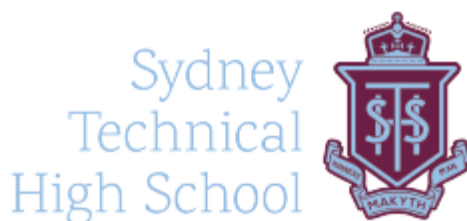
HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?
To find out more, or to register to participate, please go to www.parentingresilientkids.com
For further details, please contact the researchers at med-resilientkids@monash.edu or on (03) 9905 1232.



MONASH University



FETE: Saturday 14 October 2017 - 9.00am to 2.00pm Miranda Uniting Church, 15 Central Road, Miranda. Stalls include: cakes, chutneys and jams, vintage and collectables, craft, trash and treasure, silent auction, clothes and handbags, jewellery, books, DVDs and records, plants, and toys. Children's activities. Devonshire teas, BBQ and great entertainment – come along!



INFORMATION MORNING
Prospective Year 7 Students 2019
Tuesday 10 October 2017
at 9.15am in the School Auditorium

Sydney Technical High School, established in 1911, has a proud tradition of student achievement. The school prepares young men who are scholarly and socially responsible. Features of the school include languages, music, visual arts, debating, public speaking and sport. Teaching and learning programs feature higher order thinking and are recognised as best practice in gifted education. The school actively promotes an environment in which student welfare, tolerance of others and strong community values support each student reaching his potential.

Enrolments: Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education. For further information contact the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

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