

Friday 8 September 2023

Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday 28 August we had the Executive Director, Kay Rigas and Director - Educational Leadership, Peter Rouse visit our school and classrooms. In an email from Kay she said, *"Walking around the school there was a lovely feel, a caring and nurturing environment for students and staff!"*



Congratulations to Miss Hardy on receiving the award of 'Classroom Teacher' at the recent MSAW Principal Awards for outstanding contributions to teaching and Public Education. Congratulations to Mrs Eadie and Mrs Murfitt who were also recognised for their amazing efforts and commitment to education. I am very proud of these phenomenal practitioners and feel extremely lucky to work alongside them each day.





Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements.

Zone Athletics Carnival

We would like to congratulate all students who participated in the Zone Athletics Carnival, held over the 11th and 25th August. We are extremely proud of the way our students represented our school both on and off the track and field.

The following students finished in the top 4 in their events, with those highlighted progressing to the Sydney East Athletics Carnival:

10 years girls 100m dash - Scarlett T - 4th place
 11 years girls 100m dash - Marli P - 4th place
 12 years girls 100m dash - Emmy S - 4th place
 11 years girls 200m dash - Marli P - 4th place
 12 years girls 200m dash - Emmy S - 3rd place
 11 years girls high jump - Harriet G - 4th place
 12-13 years girls high jump - Emmy S - 1st place

Junior girls long jump - Scarlett T - 3rd place
 Senior girls long jump - Emmy S - 2nd place
 8 years boys 100m dash - Xavier B - 3rd place
 Junior boys 800m run - Joshua W - 2nd place
 Junior boys 1500m run - Joshua W - 2nd place*
 11 years boys high jump - Oscar M - 4th place
 Junior boys shot put - Eli P - 3rd place
 Junior boys discus - Eli P - 1st place

*Once all zone carnivals have been completed (21st September) 1500m qualifiers for Sydney East will be notified.

All the best to those students who will be representing our school at the Sydney East Athletics Carnival on the 11th October!



Above left: Eli P proudly displaying his first place ribbon for discus.

Above right: Emmy S, Oscar M and Dylan H (top), Emmy S (middle), Marli P and Oscar M (bottom)

Staff Updates

- Congratulations to John Penno for being successful at interview for the permanent Deputy Principal position at GBPS.
- Mrs Georgia Mason (Harris) - returns one day per week

Tell Them From Me Survey 2023

This term, our school is taking part in the ***Tell Them From Me*** survey. There are 3 surveys, one for parents, one for staff and one for students in years 4 to 6. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback.

The survey is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

As well as providing our school with feedback from our students, the survey has a broader purpose. It provides the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation, with insights into student wellbeing, engagement, and effective teaching practices for ongoing school improvement. This is done by using non-identifying student data from across NSW.

This survey is **confidential**, and staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses.

To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Information is only reported where five or more students answer a question. All information will be handled according to relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will **not** be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law. Individual students will not be identified in any publications.

The survey is online, takes 15 to 30 minutes, and will take place at school during school hours. We will receive a report on our school's survey results shortly after the survey window closes.

Participating in the survey is **voluntary**. If any survey questions make your child uncomfortable, your child can skip the question or can choose to stop the survey at any time.

If you **do not want your child/children to take part** in the survey, please contact the school via email gymeabay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au by **Monday 11th September, 2023**

Click on the link for more information and research [about the survey](#).

Check-in Assessment for Years 3-6

During Term 3 and 4, students will participate in the Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 6 students during weeks 8 -10 of Term 3 (4th -22nd September) and Year 3, 4 & 5 students during weeks 1 – 4 (9th October to 3rd November)

- All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment. Year 6 students will also complete a writing assessment.

Please continue to contact the school to provide feedback on what we are doing well or how we can improve. It's important that we all continue to work together to provide the best outcomes for our students. I appreciate the ongoing support.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

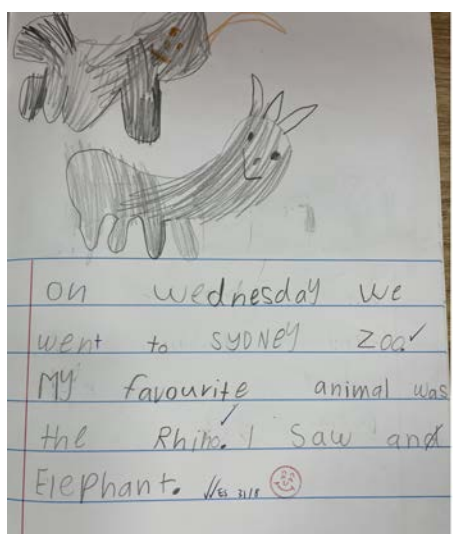
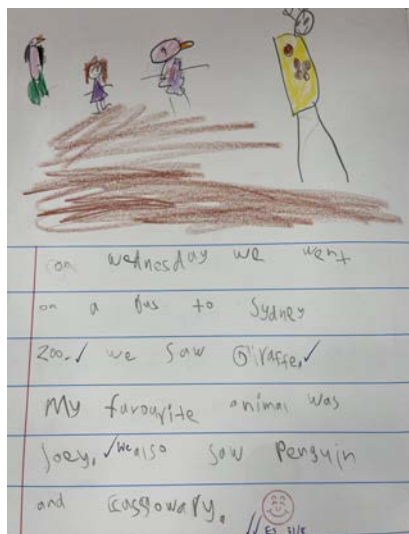
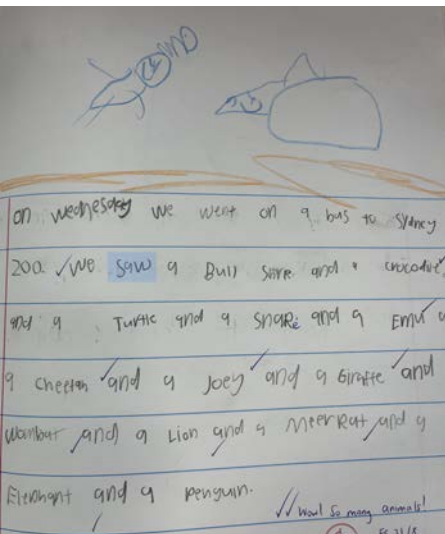
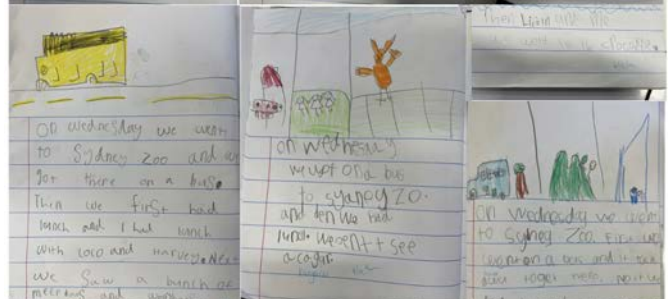
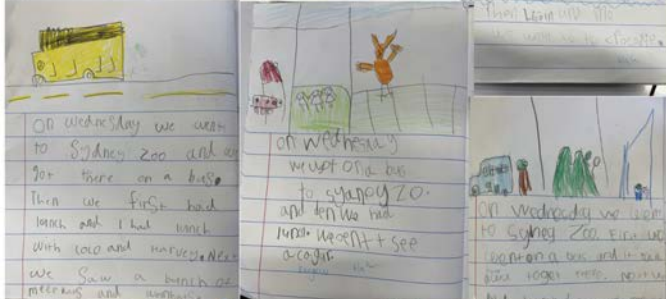
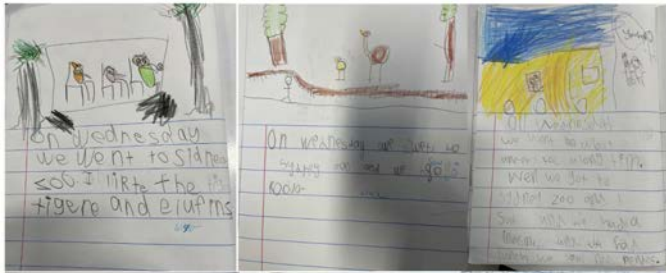
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Principal

What's happening in ...

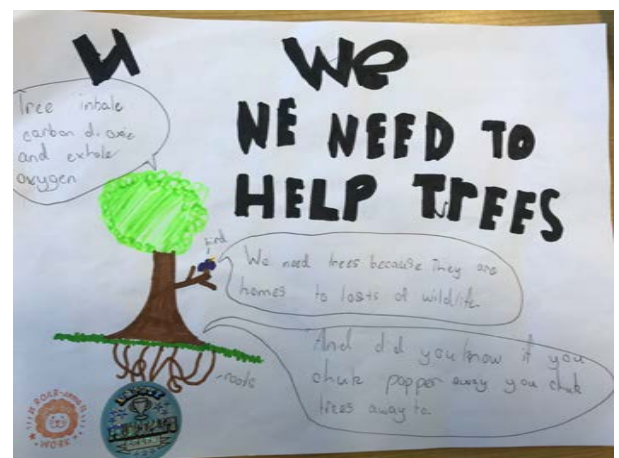
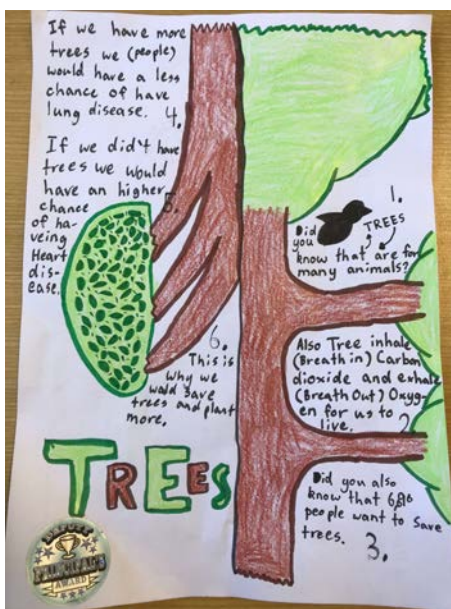


Early Stage 1 was blessed with great weather and a safe journey on our excursion to Sydney Zoo last Wednesday 31 August! It was so much fun and our students are to be commended for their excellent behaviour during the day.





Stage 1 has been working hard in English lessons, learning all about perspective and arguments. Students are developing their writing skills and learning how to be persuasive. Watch out parents and carers, you may have some convincing debaters at home!



1J enjoying doing their learning outside in the beautiful Spring sunshine!



Stage 2 Learns About Cyber Security.



This week, Stage 2 participated in a live Virtual Classroom webinar that helped them to identify ways to protect themselves online and what to do if things go wrong. Students learnt how to use device settings to protect their personal information and prevent unwanted contact.

Parents can find out more information about protecting their children online on the e-safety commissioner website. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Congratulations to our Stage 2 Public Speaking Finalists.

What a wonderful job our stage Public Speaking finalists did on Wednesday. The adjudicators had a very difficult time making their decision as the results were so close. Much discussion occurred before the final decision was made. The adjudicators were so impressed with the standard of all competitors and encouraged all the participants to continue with their Public Speaking endeavours. Well done!



Congratulations to our winner, Rhys from 4C!

Stage 2 have been loving their Music lessons learning drumming skills with Miss Graham.





Stage 3 students displayed remarkable confidence and skill as they competed in the public speaking competition, captivating the audience with their persuasive speeches and engaging presence. Their dedication and communication skills shone brightly on the stage leaving a lasting impression on both judges and peers.



Some lucky Stage 3 students have been enjoying sport sessions run by Year 10 Kirrawee High School PASS students. The students have been engaged in a variety of sports including Oz-tag, Cricket, Soccer, Netball and Touch Football. It has been wonderful to see past GBPS students successfully running sporting sessions for our current GBPS students.



More GBPS Information...



K-2 Athletics Fun Day

On Wednesday 13th September all K-2 students will be taking part in an *Athletics Fun Day*. On this day they will rotate through 13 activities that focus on fun, fitness and fundamental movement skills.

Important Information:

When: 9:20am-1:40pm. (We will have a break over our normal lunch time from 11:00-11:50am)

Where: GyMEA Bay Oval and Netball Courts.

Who: All K-2 students.

Wear: Sports uniform.

Bring: School hat, water bottle.

Parents/ carers are invited to attend the event and are also invited onto the school site to have lunch with their child. Parents and families will have access to our school toilets located in D block, the end of the staff room and the disabled toilet at the end of the hall. Parents are not to enter student toilets. Students are to remain at school after the event.

Library Book Covering

We have many new and exciting books that need to be covered for our Library. May I please ask for some volunteers to cover these books before they go onto our shelves. All contact is provided, please just bring along a bag to carry the books home in.

Any help would be extremely appreciated.

Thank you and kind regards,

Mr Craddock.



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NOVEMBER

KINDERGARTEN
DANCE GROUPS
WAKAKIRRI



SAVE THE DATE

*Performances will be in the evening,
further details to come*

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NOVEMBER

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CONNECTING TO CULTURE WITH KEV



WE INVITE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO JOIN US
FOR A CULTURAL CEREMONY LED BY KEVIN HEATH.

9:00-9:45AM WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER

This event honours the lasting spiritual and cultural
connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
People to the land.

We are excited to commence our Connecting to Culture
Day by sharing one of the oldest ceremonies to date
with you.

Students will also engage in cultural workshops guided
by Kev and his team for the rest of the day.

Beachside Dash Fun Run

Join our Gymea Bay Public School Team in the Brighton Beachside Dash School Cup Challenge.

The School Cup Challenge is a competition held within the Beachside Dash 2km Charity Fun Run. The competition is open to Primary School students from St George and Sutherland Shire schools. The winner of the School Cup Challenge will be announced at the end of the event. The perpetual School Cup Challenge trophy will be presented to the winning school.

When: Sunday the 10th September 2023

Time: 10:10 am

Where: Peter Depena Reserve, Dolls Point Beach.

Distance: 2km Schools Cup Challenge

Cost: \$10

Who: This event is for any Gymea Bay student up for the challenge.

On the Day: Meet Miss Burgess and Mrs Blyth at 9:10 near the start line.

Wear: Gymea Bay sports shirt. Any shorts that you feel comfortable running in.

How to register:

1. Go to <https://beachsidedash.org.au/school-cup-challenge/>
2. Register your child for the 2km Dash Primary School.
3. Ensure you enter 'Gymea Bay Public School' in the 'Your Primary School' section so that you can be part of our team.

During the fun run event, it is crucial to emphasise that parents will play the primary role in taking responsibility for their children. While teachers will be present on the day to facilitate our school team,

parents will hold the ultimate responsibility in ensuring their child's safety and well-being throughout the event.



Attendance



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ¼ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!





EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



Community Information...



HAVE A BLAST PLAY CRICKET



CRICKET BLAST SKILLS

\$100

Girls & Boys | Ages 5 - 8

Fridays, 6pm - 7pm
@ Gymea Bay Oval

All equipment provided

Introductory program, teaching kids
fundamental skills & movements

Great way for kids to learn essential
motor skills - e.g. catching, throwing

BBQ in operation every week

Included:



CRICKET BLAST COMP

\$125

Girls & Boys | Ages 7 - 10

Saturdays, 8am - 9am
@ Kareela Synthetic

All equipment provided

Small modified games of cricket
against other Clubs and teams

FREE shirt for every new player!

Teachings kids the gameplay
of cricket

Included:





REGISTER HERE

For more info email our Junior Registrar
John @ juniors@gymeabaycricketclub.com



JOIN THE FUN!

Gymea Bay PS (Satellite) Auskick Centre
8:00am - 9:00am

Every Wednesday from 2/8 - 20/9 at Gymea Bay Oval

Register for the Gymea Bay PS Auskick Centre. Each participant will receive 8 weeks of fun games & receive an Auskick pack including a football, pump, cards, draw string bag & choice of T-shirt, backpack & more! All for \$100

Contact: liam.boxall1@afl.com.au



CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Gymea Bay Public School is held on Mondays from 11:10am to 11:50am, starting on 24 July 2023.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Little Star Mandarin

WHEN: 3.10pm -- 4.10pm Tuesday

WHERE: Computer Room in Library

COST: \$18 / lesson (Please enrol for one Term)

Contact: Franny YANG

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