



Dear Gosnells Primary School Community

What a great Term we have had at GPS. It has been amazing to see what we can achieve together in just 9 weeks.

RAC Visit:

Over two days last week, we had the pleasure of being visited by the RAC who have worked with each of our Pre-Primary to Year 6 classes to share safe practices on and around the roads.

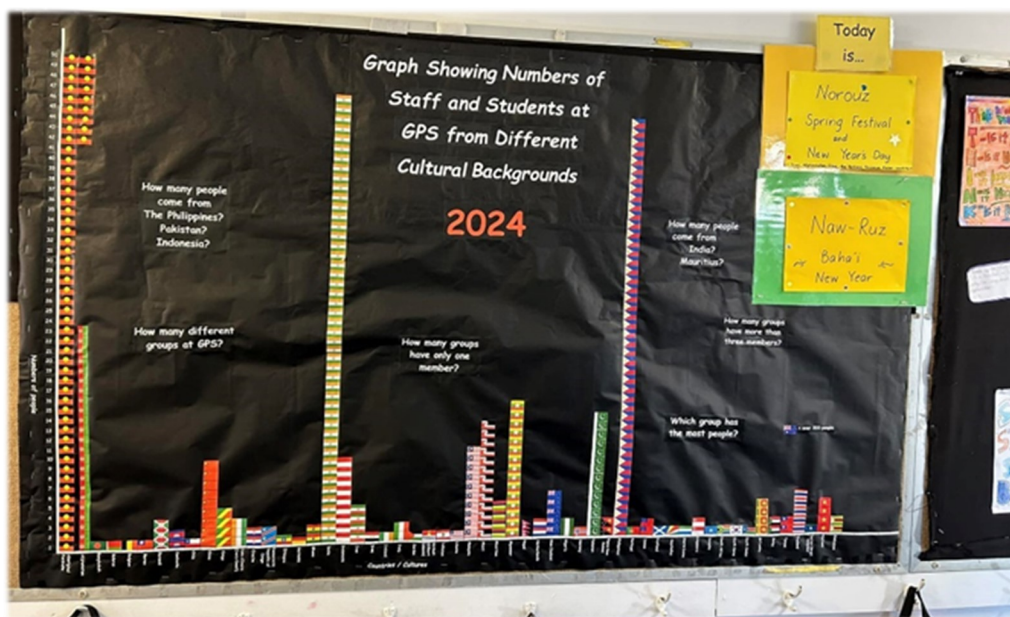


When crossing the road we know to stop, look, listen and think.

Harmony Day:

A big thank you to all parents who joined us for Harmony Day celebrations on 21 March. The day was action packed full of activities to celebrate the rich diversity of our school community.

Congratulations to the HaSS committee for bringing this event to life. Here is a graph compiled by our English as a Second Language Co-ordinator Cathy McGiffin (located outside Room 9 in our main building) to highlight the rich diversity of our school in 2024!



Coming Events

Thursday 28 March

Final Day of Term 1

Monday 15 April

Term 1 Commences
Kindy Blue and PP to Year 6

Thursday 18 April

Kindy Yellow Commence
ANZAC Assembly - 8:50am

Wednesday 24 April

P&C Meeting - 5:30pm

Thursday 25 April

ANZAC Day
Public Holiday
Students do not attend

Friday 26 April

School Development Day
Students do not attend

Monday 29 April

Active Travel Day
Ride or Walk to School

Wednesday 1 May and Thursday 2 May

Constable Care Incursions

Wednesday 8 May

Mother's Day Stall
for Kindy Blue only

Thursday 9 May

Assembly - 8:50am
Rooms 10 and 13

Friday 10 May

Mother's Day Stall
Kindy to Year 6

FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

Parent Surveys:

Thank you to the many parents who contributed to the parent survey at the end of last year and start of this year. We had a huge response with 45 parent submissions adding to our school directions and the development of our new Business Plan. We will add further feedback from the P&C and Board shortly to ensure we have an extensive array of your ideas to bring to life. Most of the responses received were centred around upgrades to the school learning environment which has been a huge focus of the last two years to significantly enhance and modernise the school environment to contemporary standards. We will of course ensure this is a continued focus for the upcoming Business Plan.

Parent Feedback Received:	Our Response:
The gazebos at the carnival are looking a bit dated. Any chance these could be updated with all the other many upgrades around the school?	Great idea! We have had this on our planned upgrade list for 2024. These have now been quoted and will be ordered shortly in preparation for future events. At the same time we will be commissioning the creation of new faction logos for future flags and to adorn the gazebos. These of course will be selected by the students this year... something we are very excited about!
What's happening with the kindy outdoor area? I noticed lots of movement in the area.	We have been preparing for another upgrade to this space. Over the holiday break we will be installing new modern fencing and in the months ahead we will see new shade sails installed over this area. In the medium term we also hope to add new paving and seating to make a beautiful space for students, staff and families to enjoy.
So many upgrades have been completed since you have been Principal but why wasn't works completed in past years before your arrival? How do you fit this into the day? You are always doing things around the school for our kids.	I appreciate your kind words and question. It's difficult to say but I suspect that every Principal has a focus on different things and prioritises things based on what they think their community needs most. For me, the learning environment of the school is just as important as cultivating sustainable relationships, having strong communication and building both academic and wellbeing success – all of which are something that I'm proud to put my time and effort towards as we create the school our community deserves. Much more is to come.
Better walking paths and upgrades to the girls toilets.	Upgrades to the girls toilets have been added to our upgrade schedule and will hopefully be upgraded over the next 1.5 years. Walking paths are being upgraded over time and something we will look at going forward.
Is the school getting new signage to compliment the other upgrades around the school?	Absolutely, I have been meeting with sign makers to review the cost of such an upgrade at GPS. A proposal is expected to be sent to me over the Easter break. Creating signage which makes it easier to navigate the school is a priority and will see the gates labelled with gate numbers, directional signage for key buildings and labels for our main buildings. We will also be adding school signs to the corners of Hicks and Clara and May and Hicks Street to make it easy to identify our school.

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Parent Feedback Received:	Our Response:
I love the new kindy desks. Are new desks also being purchased for other year levels?	Thank you, we love them too! We have initiated a staged purchase of school furniture with new furniture (featuring coloured piping, legs and whiteboard style tops) adding vibrancy to rooms whilst also being height adjustable for greater amenity. To coincide with this, new coloured chairs to match the desk colours will be purchased. For 2024, new desks will be added for our 3 Pre-Primary classes with Year 1/2 classes expected to be upgraded in early 2025.
Let students wait in muster area from 8am which is before the 1st bell of 8:15. This used to be the practice pre-covid. This will prevent a build up of students waiting just outside the gate and will free car parking spots on the area.	<p>This will be offered in the winter months or any day in which it is raining. Unfortunately, because students are being dropped off earlier and earlier and picked up later and later, we are unable to extend this time further for other periods of the week. As school starts for lessons at 8:30am, the opening of gates at 8:15am is a courtesy.</p> <p>We strongly encourage parents who need to drop off earlier or pick up later to engage with before and or after school care options. Many parents already do this and it ensures the students are not waiting around unnecessarily for extended periods.</p>
The school is more academical and disciplined these days.	<p>We are proud to have a school where behaviour data overall shows that we are one of the best behaved and performing south metro schools (despite the challenges we face). A consistent, caring, fair and proactive approach has been key to our success in this area.</p> <p>Academic data is also showing that students are making significant gains whilst at GPS, something we expect to grow further as the many changes we are making and interventions and support we are providing is directly impacting student success, wellbeing and engagement.</p>

Faction Survey:

As a community focused school that values the input of its many stakeholders (students, staff, parents and community members), the Gosnells PS Board would like to invite you to vote on a proposed change in faction names.

A proposal has been put forward to update the Gosnells Primary School Faction names due to a perceived lack of connection to our school or community. For example - the current factions are a mix of gods and mythical beings.

Please add your vote below whether in support of new faction names or to retain the current names of: Apollo, Centaur, Thor and Pegasus.

Submit your vote via: <https://forms.office.com/r/KNKxfRbTND>

You can select more than one option if you have multiple preferences. Voting closes on **16 April 2024 at 3pm** with results shared in the Wednesday 17 April Newsletter, Seesaw and on our Facebook page.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

Holiday works:

Over the holiday period we are expecting new internal fences for our junior areas and Soffall to our oval playground (after upgrades made to the playground on Tuesday) to be installed. The fences will increase security and safety for our early years students with both upgrades greatly enhancing the amenity and outdoor learning environments for our students, staff and community. Photos will follow on our Facebook page and in our next newsletter.

Holiday well wishes:

With the Good Friday Public Holiday on 29 March, Thursday 28 March will be our last day of Term 1. We wish you all a very safe and relaxing school holiday break. School returns for students and staff on **Monday 15 April**.

Happy Holidays,

Scott Tapper | Principal

Voluntary Contributions 2024 Kindergarten to Year 6 - \$60 per year per child



Payments can be made in cash at the School Administration office or online via Qkr!

Download the app for free from Apple's app store for iPhones (for iPads download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

After downloading the app and registering, select **Gosnells Primary School** from 'Nearby Location' on Qkr or type **Gosnells** after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen on Qkr.

PRIDE CERTIFICATES

BRONZE PRIDE CERTIFICATE - 75 POINTS

*Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Bronze Pride Award Certificate** on **14 March 2024**:*

Aiden, Allison, Anthoinette, Ayman, Blake, Charlotte, Christina, Daniel, Daniella, Diana, Diya, Emily, Eraj, Eram, Erin, Ethan, Finley, Gaarvi, Gracie, Gurseerat, Harris, Harry, Imogen, Isabel, Isabelle, Ivy, Janaya-Jayne, John, Joshua, Julia, Lucy, Lyla, Mason, Mia, Mithilia, Noah, Ocean, Rhianna, Rishona, Ryland, Scarlett B, Scarlett K, Scarlett T, Sophie, Tiffany, Violet and Zoe

*Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Bronze Pride Award Certificate** on **22 March 2024**:*

Adam, Amber, Anthony, Ashton H, Ashton J, Eshal Zahra, Ethan, Gracie, Hayley, Hunter, Isla-Rose, Jai, Jaxon, Jhye, Jimmy, Kalarnie, Kay-leigh, Kiara, Logan, Luther, Malamba, Parker, Priscilla, Rena, Ruby, Shanika, Sia, Tiana, Tyler, Wahaj, Yaraslau, Yasna and Zac

SILVER PRIDE CERTIFICATE - 150 POINTS

*Congratulations to the first students in 2024 to achieve their **Silver Pride Award Certificate** on **22 March 2024**:*

Daniella, Diana, Harry, Keiran, Kevin, Mason and Noah

PRIDE POINT RAFFLE

*Congratulations to the following students whose names were drawn in the **Pride Point Raffle** at the Assembly on **7 March 2024***

Ali, Snow, Gracie and Eden

