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Newsletter

21 November 2024

Coming Events

21 November Year 6 Overnighter Year 3 Barking Gecko Incursion

25 November **Aboriginal Parent Meeting**

27 November Yr 5&6 Skateboarding Incursion

> 28 November Soak a Six

29 November **Student Leader Speeches** Soak a Six

2 December Board Meeting 5pm

3 December Yr 5 Willetton Stadium Excursion

9 December Good Standing Event—Colour Fun Run Fathering Project.

> 10 December Reports Go Home

11 December **Graduation Assembly**

12 December FINAL DAY OF TERM! Celebrating Gosnells Assembly (08.50am)

Dear Gosnells Primary School Community,

Latest upgrades since our last newsletter:

Shade sails have arrived! If you haven't seen them already, we are pleased to share that our beautiful new shade sails have been installed. With ten sails and locations in our kindy, front of school and side of school next to the child and parent centre - we now have a very high level of shade coverage across our school site. The vibrant colours nicely compliment the neighbouring fencing of each area.

Major funding win:

At GPS we are very fortunate to host a specialist learning program for students with Autism. This program which is supported by the state government is incredibly successful and affords many



of our students with a highly targeted, inclusive and individualised transition program to support student engagement within a mainstream education setting. Following a review of our funding model between principals who host SLP's at their schools and the Dept of Education, we identified that there was a gap in what the program cost our schools to run. I'm pleased to share that following our discussions with government in regard to the shortfall, we were successful in securing additional funding for all SLP's. This increased funding will be reinvested back into the school as a whole to further our record investment in supporting your children; benefiting all students, staff and families of GPS.

Enrolment Change:

Due to our ongoing enrolment pressures (a record number of applications being received this year and even more for 2025), Gosnells Primary School is now following a modified local intake / catchment area. As a school without a local-intake area, when assessing enrolment applications we will now:

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- give enrolment priority to students from those living nearest to the school to those living furthest from the school; and
- give preference to families who already have a child or children enrolled with us.

Being a school without a local-intake area means that if a new parent/guardian is seeking to enrol their child into a year level that is at capacity, a placement will no longer be automatically offered based on where they live. They will instead be encouraged to enrol at an alternative local school which does have capacity available. New parents will of course be provided with an opportunity to submit an expression of interest which will enable us to potentially offer a place if capacity becomes available (similar to what we currently provide for our kindergarten which once filled is only available for enrolment when a space becomes available). This is a significant change but given our rapid growth will ensure that our current students, staff and families are not adversely impacted.

Class placement Requests | CLOSED!

Thank you to those parents who have sent through their placement requests for 2025. Whilst not necessary for all parents who may have no preferences, these are very important to us at GPS and help us to establish classes for the new year. Requests for class placements will only be considered if they are made in writing, based on the specific educational needs of your child and **closed yesterday (Wednesday 20th November 2024)**. Such requests can be made via email: gosnells.ps@education.wa.edu.au or by dropping a letter to the front office. When considering a class placement request, please be mindful that our teachers may not be in the same class or year levels they are currently as some changes to this is always necessary. A common request is for example when you have two children in the same year level that you may want them to be kept together or apart. It is important to note the complexities involved in establishing classrooms and that parent requests are one of a number of pieces of information considered when arriving at class placement decisions. If you have previously made a request in the past year, please resubmit if you'd like this to be continued for 2025.

Friendly reminder:

A friendly reminder to ensure that you turn off your vehicle when stationary/parked around the school site. The exhaust fumes from vehicles are toxic and given the height of your children, they are more likely to be impacted. Formal signage will be installed in 2025 to reinforce this important message.

Parking in no parking zones:

To avoid any unwanted fines, please be mindful that the City of Gosnells ranger will be monitoring and fining parents who are parking in no parking areas around the school. These are marked on the road and important to avoid as you are inadvertently obstructing exits to car parks - the last thing we want is for you to receive a fine. This is most common in the May street side of our school which has ample parking down the road.

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Leaving GPS at the end of this year?

With the year fast drawing to a close, if you are planning to enrol in another school for the start of 2025 please let the school know by email <u>gosnells.ps@education.wa.edu.au</u>, via Seesaw message or phone on 9234 6350. This notification will greatly assist us to plan classes for the new year and prepare any information to share with the new school too.

Voluntary contributions: A big thank you to all our families who have paid their voluntary contributions this year. Whilst voluntary, the \$60 contributions per child enable us to provide activities and resources for your children and ultimately are utilised to reduce costs ordinarily passed onto families. We appreciate that not all our families are able to contribute the full amount and do of course appreciate any amount of contribution that can be made. These can be paid at the front office or deposited via bank transfer.

Have a great fortnight ahead,

Best wishes,

Scott Tapper | Principal



Want a chance to win a \$100 bike voucher?

With all the promotion of the Department of Transport's Your Move program this year, we'd love to hear your thoughts on active travel (walking, riding, etc instead of driving a car).

Simply use this link to take part:

https://painteddogresearch.com/activetravelparentssurvey/

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.

Book Fair Success!

A <u>Huge</u> thank you to the Gosnells Primary School community for all their support of the Book Fair last week!

The Fair had a grand total of \$5499 in Sales.

Gosnells Primary School receives \$1649.50 of this total for resources for the Students and School!









Family Connections: The family that plays together stays together

Top Tips

- Establish a regular family time.
- Family time can include fun family activities.
- Allow everyone in the family to contribute ideas for family time.
- Block out this family time.
- Family time can also be used for family meetings.





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HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students who received an Honour Certificate at our Assembly on **14 November 2024**

Hunts Daniel, Ana, Malika, Skye, Malachi, Mackenzie, Kalais, Elenor, Justin, Keiran, Mason, Zaria, Riley, Eyoel, Dylan, Carter, Ethan, Kevin, Jaden, Hayley, Lara, Gurmehar, Kiara, Rahkeem, William, Seyed, Adhvik, Jake, Angelie, Jeziah, Hamzah, Dustin, Payton, Roqaia, Kayne, Ashton R, Elyce, Daniel, Alfie, Tipene, Kiara, Scarlett, Edward, Aiza, Isabelle, Jose, Shaan, Arlo, Ashton J, Jhye, Caprice



PRIDE POINT RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following students whose names were drawn in the **Pride Point Raffle**at the Assemblies on **14 November 2024**

Scarlett, Levi, Xavier, Abbigale





PRIDE CERTIFICATES

BRONZE PRIDE CERTIFICATE - 75 POINTS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Bronze Pride Award Certificate** on **8th November 2024**:

Mateo, Dustin, Vaega, Audrey, Reece

SILVER PRIDE CERTIFICATE - 150 POINTS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Silver Pride Award Certificate** on **8th November 2024**:

Rogaia, Hamzah, Shonti, Molly, Serut, Lara, Jude

GOLD PRIDE CERTIFICATE - 250 POINTS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Gold Pride Award Certificate** on **8th November 2024**:

Jayda, Louis, Naufal, Seth, Baneen, Grace, Faith, Neron, Tyson, Elenor, Scarlett, Mahammadyamin, Tara, Myla

PLATINUM PRIDE CERTIFICATE - 350 POINTS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved their **Platinum Pride Award Certificate** on **8th November 2024**:

Bailey, Damindu, Hadis, Naomi, Olivia, Shaun, Amber, Jharal, Emma, Angelie, Blake, Allison, Azan, Emily, Yousef, Janaya-Jayne, Ivy, Mahammadyasir, Vyvyan, Mika, Gursahib, Snow, Caleb, Scarlett, Aaqilah, Allyxia, Daniel, Tobias, Shaan, Jai, Anthony, Blake, Shanika,

PRIDE MEDALLIONS - 500 POINTS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their **Pride Medallion** on **8th November 2024**:

Eiliyah, Rhianna, Annabel, Ellisse, Joeryns, Gracie, Panav

