Welcome back to another exciting and busy term at Goulburn East! There were lots of happy, smiling faces in the playground yesterday morning. Everyone seems to have had a lovely holiday but they were also pleased to be back at school, learning and playing with their friends. Great to see!

Due to Mr Darcey’s move during the holidays to Corrimal East, I will be relieving as Principal for Term 2. During this time, the permanent appointment to the position will be determined through the Merit Selection process. I would like to thank the staff and the parents I have met so far for their warm welcome. It is evident that the staff, students and parents are very proud of their school and I am truly looking forward to my time here.

I had a lovely start as part of Goulburn East, marching with many students from Kindergarten to Year 6 at the Anzac Day March last Friday. The students were led proudly down Auburn Street by our school captains and vice-captains. Everyone looked very smart in their uniforms. Jacob and Angelica laid a wreath on behalf of the Goulburn East community and carried out this duty solemnly and respectfully. Thank you to the parents and teachers who enabled our children to be part of such a special occasion. I know that this is not always easy to organise when Anzac Day falls in the holidays.

I look forward to meeting you at the P&C Meeting next Monday evening.

Warm regards

Mrs Charmian Cribb
Relieving Principal

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**Head Lice Alert**

We have had an incident of head lice at school. Please ensure you check your child’s hair TODAY, and if you do in fact find lice or eggs, please commence treatment straight away. A follow-up treatment will also be necessary within seven days.
Applications for Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement in 2015

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides an intellectually challenging and educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Placement Test will be held on Wednesday, 23 July, 2014. If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2015 on behalf of your child, you need to do so soon. Most applicants are expected to apply on the internet and submit their application online. For detailed instructions on how to apply online, go to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Online applications close on Friday, 16 May, 2014. If you do not have internet access, applications forms are also available from our school office.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Mrs Cribb at school.

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?

It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and why your child is absent. Attached to this newsletter is a sheet of Reason for Absence forms. This is a very simple method of letting the school know the reason for your child’s absence.

Any note of explanation forwarded to school should contain:
- Your child’s name and class
- The day(s) and date(s) that your child was absent from school
- The reason the child was absent
- The signature of the child’s parent or caregiver.

If more than one child from the same family has been absent a separate note for each child should be filled out. A note should be brought to school on the first day the student returns to school after an absence. The school is required to investigate all unexplained absences where a child has been absent and no valid explanation has been received.
GRANDPARENT’S DAY

Thank you for visiting us in 1/2P!