**TERM ONE EVENTS**

**Wednesday 18th February**  
Meet the Teacher & Family BBQ night

**Tuesday 24th February**  
District Swimming Carnival

**Thursday 5th March**  
Responsible Pet Ownership presentation for K, Yr 1 & Yr 2

**Wednesday 11th March**  
Questacon visit to GEPS

**Wednesday 18th March**  
GEPS K-6 Athletics Carnival

**Wednesday 25th March**  
GRIP Leadership Conference  
Year 6 students in Goulburn

**Thursday 2nd April**  
Easter events  
Last day of Term 1

**Students return for Term 2**  
Tuesday 21st April

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**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK**

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**GEPS Playgroup**  
Mondays 9:25-11:00am  
in the School Hall  
Please phone the Goulburn Art Gallery for further information on 4823 4494

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**GEPS Breakfast Club**  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
8:15am – 8.50am  
In the School Library

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**LIBRARY BORROWING DAYS**

**Tuesday:** 4/5R, 1J  
**Wednesday:** 3/4M, Kindergarten  
**Thursday:** 5/6A, 2S

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Everyone has settled into their new classes well. Today I submitted our actual student numbers to the Department of Education and Communities and our 2015 staffing entitlement is calculated on this final figure. This will enable us to continue with our current class structure without requiring change. All three primary classes are composite classes ie. a mixture of year groups in the one class. These classes cannot be avoided and lengthy staff discussion is always needed to create successful groupings.

On Monday evening there was a meeting of the school P&C incorporating the Annual General Meeting. The attendance was amazing – 20 parents and teachers – all there to support their children and the school. There was a mixture of new and regular faces. We even had to extend the table twice to fit everyone in! I would like to sincerely thank the 2014 executive committee of Darren Harding, Marianne Powles, Karen Waters, Belinda Beggs and Jess Edmonds for their dedication in leading the P&C last year and thank the incoming executive. The P&C also has three subcommittees – Uniform, Canteen and Fundraising – and information will be coming out over the next few weeks regarding these. Thank you again to everyone who came to the meeting on Monday night. Goulburn East is incredibly fortunate to have such an active and supportive parent body!!

Our Parent/Teacher evening is next Wednesday, 18th February starting at 5.30pm. This is an informal occasion to talk to your child’s teacher about class expectations and routines. Hope to see you then!

Charmian Cribb  
Principal
## TERM 1 WEEK 2 ASSEMBLY AWARD RECIPIENTS

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GOULBURN & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

2015 Season Netball Registration
Saturday 28th February - Saturday 7th March
11am - 2pm
Goulburn Plaza, Goulburn (Near Kmart)
NetSetGo! (5-10 years) • Junior Division (10-12 years) • Intermediate Division (Aged Up to 15 years) • Cadets Division • Senior Division (Played Monday Nights)
Season Starts Saturday, 21st March 2015

Enquiries: gdna.secretary@hotmail.com
or
Lou 0434 550 614

North Blues Hockey Club

We will be having our 2015 Hockey Muster on:

Date: 13th February 2015
Time: 6pm until 7pm

Location: Goulburn Hockey Complex, Finlay Road
for further information or if you are interested but unable to attend please contact Darrell Chambers on 0423403880
Jenny Patton on 0407360606

All age groups and abilities new comers, men, women and children, come one come all, come along and make your sport a happy family day out.

Please refer to the Go4Fun advertisement for more information.
Changes to the Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures

From January 2015, changes have been made to the eligibility for exemptions, and the time frame for explanation of absences.

CHANGES TO EXEMPTIONS

- An exemption from attendance at school can no longer be granted for vacations taken outside of school holiday periods.
- Holidays and travel outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences.
- If the principal accepts the parent’s application for extended leave, a certificate of extended leave will be issued and the absence recorded as Leave.
- If the principal does not approve the application, any resulting absence will be recorded as unjustified.
- Applications for exemptions due to illness are still accepted if a medical certificate for the period of absence is provided.

CHANGES TO TIME FRAME FOR EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE

- An explanation for any absence must be provided to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.

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. Parents have several options of notifying the school of their child’s absence:

✓ by ringing the school on the morning of each day’s absence
✓ by emailing through an explanation of the absence
✓ by sending in a Reason for Absence form on the first day the student returns to school after an 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 your child is seeing a Doctor due to illness, please request a Medical Certificate covering the date(s) of the absence(s). Absences due to illness are eligible for an Exemption from School if a Doctor’s Certificate is provided for the entire period of illness.
Canteen volunteers needed

If you are able to volunteer in the Canteen please fill out the slip below and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Your details will be passed on to the P&C.

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Please contact me regarding volunteering in the canteen:

Name:.............................................................................................................

Phone:..........................................................................................................