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#### DATES TO REMEMBER

##### **Tuesday 24 September**

Principal's Award Afternoon

##### **Wednesday 25 September**

Support Classes Excursion to Walkabout Wildlife Park

##### **Friday 27 September**

Stage 1 Kincumba Mountain Excursion

Last Day of Term 3

##### **Monday 14 October**

Students return for Term 4

#### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

*Hello to all,*

#### SHOWCASE

I can't believe it's over for another two years! This year's Showcase went off like a rocket last Friday-two packed shows kept us very busy. I hope those of you who were able to come along enjoyed the spectacle. The staff worked hard to not only rehearse all the acts, but to source costumes and make props. Big thanks go to Nicole Carter and Larny Parkes for coordinating and to Surinda Walton for being costume mistress. Well done kids!

#### TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Lara Lenton has included some important information in this newsletter regarding the *Tell Them From Me Survey*. The information we get from you is vital for our planning so I would encourage you to participate. Lara has included instructions on how to access the survey. She will also be available every morning and afternoon this week in the Maths Lab if you would like to use one of the school iPads to access the survey. A link will also be sent out via the school app today.

#### DEBATING CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our champion debaters who were narrowly defeated in the Inter-Zone finals. Renna, Sharlotte, Clare and Gabriella had their work cut out for them arguing the position 'That students should be picked for selective high schools based on their primary school report cards instead of a test.' We have really enjoyed watching these girls work as a team and experience more success than any other debating team here at Wyoming. Excellent work girls (including Miss Parkes)!

#### PARLIAMENT VISIT

Our school Parliamentarians travelled to NSW State Parliament last Wednesday and got to experience a day in the life of the people who are



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responsible for the day to day running of NSW. Below is a recount of the trip written by Minjy, Renna and Amanda.

*Our visit to NSW State Parliament was amazing! Here's a summary of what happened...Amanda, Minjy, Renna, Korey, Koda, Alessio and Ty went on a journey to Sydney with Ms Dufficy and Mrs Matthews. When we arrived at Central-after a long train ride, we made our way to the Parliament. We went through the security scanner and were pleasantly welcomed by David Mehan and his assistant. We explored the old discussion room and we learned about the history of that room. After that, David Mehan guided us to a miniature architectural model of Parliament and we got a glimpse of the upper and lower houses of parliament. David was taking us to his office when, unexpectedly, Liesl Tesch invited us into her office. She showed us a bit of what she was working on and we had our photo taken with her. We then continued on to David's office.*

*When we arrived, we were greeted by a delicious platter of morning tea and discussed our school parliament and our roles as school leaders with David. He then left to fulfil his role in the lower house of Parliament and we had the chance to watch him on the live TV.*

*We had run in the park near the State Library of NSW and discovered the amazing stories of the Aboriginal people. We explored galleries with posters, paintings of scenery and portraits.*

*Finally, we returned to Parliament House to experience and enjoy question time for 40 minutes. We witnessed disagreements-mostly between the Liberal and the Labor party. The Premier was originally supposed to answer a question asked by the Opposition, but as she answered, we witnessed a heated back and forth debate. We left Parliament with a splendid experience to cherish forever.*

That sounds like quite a busy day! Thank you leaders for your fine representation at Parliament House.

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Please enjoy the next two weeks of spring holidays. School will resume Monday 14 October.

### **Attendance**

We have 24 students who have had 100% attendance so far! Congratulations!

**Michelle Francis**  
**PRINCIPAL (RELIEVING)**

## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

### **K-6 ASSEMBLY**

This week's K-6 Assembly will be held Wednesday 25 September from 1.35pm in the School Hall. The Student Parliamentarians will lead the assembly.

### **PARTNERS IN LEARNING FAMILY SURVEY**

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* families survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey is available immediately and will run until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. If you would prefer to access technology at school, iPads will be available for use at school in the Maths Lab (8.30 – 8.55am; and 2.45 – 3.15pm) during the remainder of Term 3.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>. To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/wps123>  
The survey is available in 23 languages.

### **SWIMMING FOR SPORT TERM 4 (Years 3-6 only)**

A note has been sent home today (Monday 23 September), inviting applications for swimming as an option for Years 3-6 students for Friday sport.

Please consider whether you would like your child to participate in this program.

Unfortunately, some students drop out of the swimming program after a few weeks because they no longer want to attend. This is grossly unfair to the students who initially miss out on a place and significantly impacts on school-wide supervision of students during Friday sport. Drop-out students (excepting for medical reasons) will not be

considered for swimming in the future. **We expect that students who apply for a place in the swimming program will commit to the program FOR THE WHOLE TERM.**

Students who attend swimming are responsible for their own equipment, money, attendance and participation – every week.

Places are highly sought, and limited due to teacher: student ratios. Due to the popularity of swimming, we keep expressions of interest notes on a first come, first serve basis. Confirmation of a place into the program is based on:

- timely return of note (Expression of Interest)
- commitment to the program
- ability level

Swimming groups for sport can be quite large, although groups are levelled according to ability. Students who miss out are encouraged to access small-group swimming lessons outside school.

**Lara Lenton**  
**COORDINATOR**

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD AFTERNOON



Term 3 Principal's Award Afternoon will be held Tuesday 24 September. Any students who have achieved their 3<sup>rd</sup> Principal's Award can celebrate the "Wheels Afternoon".

Any wheeled equipment is invited, as long as it is safe, in good working order and the correct protection equipment provided (eg helmets, knees/elbow pads).

Congratulations to all the hard working students.

**Mr Matthew Walter**  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

#### P&C NEWS

**Dates to Remember**  
**Monday 21 October.**

Family photo portrait money due.  
Next P&C meeting.

**Sunday 3 November.**  
Family Portraits.

**Wednesday Night 6 November.**  
Casey's Toys Shopping

Well it was wild and windy but everyone seemed to have a great time on Saturday at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Day. We hope you all had the opportunity to have your picture taken with the astronaut, most of all we hope you all had fun.

Emma McBride was impressed with our Commemorative Path and Community Space. She was also impressed by our History Book and collection of photos, finding articles of her father Grant McBride among them.

The winners of our enormous raffle were;

1 <sup>st</sup> - Anne Vescio	7 <sup>th</sup> - Louisa Rio
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Joanna	8 <sup>th</sup> - Tennant
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Anne Vescio	9 <sup>th</sup> - Max Marshall
4 <sup>th</sup> - Jessica Puttock	10 <sup>th</sup> - Crystal
5 <sup>th</sup> - Noi	11 <sup>th</sup> - Megan Buckland
6 <sup>th</sup> - Kathy Madden	12 <sup>th</sup> - Michelle Hamilton

Thanks to these extra donations, Bunnings warehouse for a chainsaw and \$50 gift voucher, The Body Shop Gift pack, Ledingham family homemade candles by Candles at Kariong, and Helloworld for 5x \$100 travel vouchers.

Thank you again to all of the wonderful donations to our raffle.

Thanks to all those who helped on the day and made it all possible; Peter and Deborah Kreis, Barry and Pam Cox, Mel Hang, Dave Grainger, Emma Hyland, Natalie Jenkins, Mel Fischer, Gale Moody, Tamika Williams, Tracey Cox, Surinda Walton, Liz Rogers, Lara Lenton, Tracy Hooper, Julie Simington, Michelle Francis, Annette Sharp, Adam Sharp, Heidi, Steve Jenkins, Craig Black and your P&C members, Kim Carta, Katrina Kemp, Kristie Buckley, Catriona Creek, Hollie Spender, Miriam Corowa, Runchinda Pin, Kim Dwyer. Thanks also to Narara Rural Fire Brigade for the safe arrival of the astronaut, BHAPPYNJUMP, Barista2u and Larny Parkes for the loop recording.

**Christmas** is approaching and to help you with your gift ideas we are having Family Portraits done on **Sunday 3 November**. Please have your money and time slot request in by **Wednesday 23 October**. Talk to your extended family members over the holidays. Our family portraits are open to extended families outside of the school. Make the most of this photo opportunity, only \$15 for a booking and a 20x30cm framed portrait.

Also to help with your Christmas shopping, our **Casey's toys shopping night** is on **Wednesday 6 November**. Enjoy a child free shopping night and 10% off your purchases. Notes due out soon. Save the dates!

Next P&C meeting, **Monday 21 October**.

**Kate Cochrane**  
**P&C PRESIDENT**

## WEEKLY AWARDS

### HONOUR CERTIFICATE

An Honour Certificate is awarded when a student has earned ten Certificates of Merit, ten Reading Awards of Excellence, ten Principal's Awards or a combination. Students may collect their Certificates of Merit, Reading Awards of Excellence and Principal's Awards over a number of years to earn their Honour Certificate.



I have presented an Honour Certificate to the following student.

Skye C  
Renna G  
Khiara K  
Charlie M (x2)

Congratulations!! Keep up the great work.

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Just a reminder that the class awards collected for the Principal's Award must be collected within the one school year. As each class award is used towards a Principal's Award it is marked on the back. This means that a class award can only be used once towards a Principal's Award.



The following students have been presented with a Principal's Award.

Erik A	Ethan A
Benjamin A	April A
Scott A	Miranda A
Bella B	Anastasia B
Levi B	Matilda B
Maddison B	Ryah B
Elijah B	Xanthe B
Olivia B	Sam B
Chace B	Korey B
Lachlan B	Indi B
Mekah B	Lilli B
Jasmine B	Kellie C
Riley C	Maddox C
Alex C	Bella C
Brody C	Skye C
Rheed C	Rory C
Harlow C	Yuin C-C
Mia C	Jonathan C
Emma-Lee D	Oliver D
Jeremiah D	Marissa D
Sama D	Karla D
Zane E	Chelsea E
Logan E	Clare F
Toby F	Jethro F
Zahli F	TJ F
Jeremy F	Zoe F
Kayla G	Renna G
Mitchell G	Alex G
Ameliah G	Lachlan G

Sophia H-W	Kobie H-M
Sam H	Deondre H
Caden H	William H
Tyron H	Lyllyth H
Breeze H	Beau J
Abbie H	Jhy K
Chloe-Belle K	Oliver L
Aiden K	Jacinta L
Laylah-May L	Mick M
Ivy L	Bison M
Kevin M	Jaydah M
Charlie M	Abby M
Craig M	Lotu M
Grace M	Travis M
Libby M	Hayley P
Logan N	Tuscany P
Lachlan P	Joshua R
Cameron R	Ishan S
Dakota R	Keily S
Eva S	Kamilah S
Tyson S	Annabelle S-H
Ava-Grace S	Emily S
Patrick S	Telia T-T
Ryan S	Sven T
Riley T	Dominic V
Isabella U	Breanna V
Nicolas V	Isabelle V
Mia V	Sebastian W
Mackenzie W	
Miette W	

### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT



Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Certificates of Merit.

<b>KH</b>	Anastasia B
	Lachlan G
<b>KP</b>	Cody K
	Taion S
<b>KW</b>	Summer B
	Noah H
<b>K-6S</b>	Ethan A
<b>1R</b>	Kalley D
	Aden R
<b>1S</b>	Huxley C
	Tahlia M
<b>2H</b>	Kobie H-M
	Alysha T
<b>2R</b>	Annabelle P
	Izak S
<b>2-3O</b>	Abbey-Jay D
	Benjamin W
<b>3-4L</b>	Akylah C
	Dakota R
<b>3-4M</b>	Tiulipe M
	Georgia S
<b>3-4P</b>	Callum M
	Travis M
<b>3-6A</b>	Abbie H

3-6F Libby M  
 5-6D Ava F  
 Caden H  
 5-6F Bella B  
 Kevin M  
 5-6H Zahn B  
 Laila K  
 5-6S Tylar B  
 Ala M

## HOME READING AWARDS

The following students have achieved their 100 nights Home Reading Awards:

Skye C Ra H  
 Isabella H Caliee J  
 Laylah-May L Bison M  
 Brooklyn P-L  
 Tarlia W

The following students have achieved their 200 nights Home Reading Awards:

Lucy B Jasmine B  
 Bella C Nina C  
 Brody C Jett C  
 Karla D Cooper H  
 Tyson L-W Minji L  
 Jaydah M Ben W

Congratulations

**Greg Shaw**  
**TEACHER/LIBRARIAN**

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Young, Black & Ready for School

For children starting school in 2020 at the following schools:

Avoca PS, Brisbania PS, Central Mangrove PS, Central Coast Adventist, Chertsey PS, Copacabana PS, Erina Heights PS, Glenvale, Gosford PS, Gosford East PS, Holgate PS, Holy Cross, Kariong PS, Kincumber PS, Kulnura PS, Lisarow PS, Narara PS, Niagara Park PS, Ourimbah PS, Peats Ridge PS, Point Clare PS, Pretty Beach PS, Somersby PS, Terrigal PS, Valley View PS, Woodport PS, Wyoming PS

**Wednesday 11th December 2019**

**11am - 1pm**

**The Erina Room**

**Erina Library at The Hive Erina Fair**

**Register your interest with:**

**Tracey Burraston**

**Tracey.burraston2@det.nsw.edu.au**

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WHERE: GOSFORD HIGH SCHOOL  
 FOR: YEAR 7 - 2021

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER @ GHS  
 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
 TIME: 5PM

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NSW CHILDREN'S WEEK 2019

# creative story competition



18 and under living in NSW



entries close Sunday 6 October 2019



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Do you enjoy writing and telling stories? This is your opportunity to write a creative story about an issue that is important to you and to other children and young people in 2019.

The Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People is inviting entries for the NSW Children's Week 2019 Creative Story Competition. The competition is open to all children and young people up to the age of 18 living in NSW.

#### How to enter:

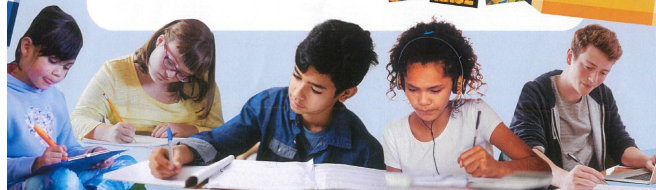
1. Use your imagination
2. Write a creative story (200 to 500 words) about an issue that is important to you and to other children and young people in 2019
3. Type your story in the online entry form via the link below

Three winners (one winner for each age group: 0-5, 6-11, 12-18) will receive an award and a \$200 gift card at a special Children's Week event.

The winning stories will be decided by famous author and Children's Laureate Morris Gleitzman, together with the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People, the NSW Youth Advisory Council and the NSW Children's Week Committee. Entries close Sunday 6 October 2019.



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