



Gymea North News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday	24 th February	Uniform Shop Open 3.00-3.45pm
Tuesday	25 th February	Swimming Carnival 8.45am Arrival at School Years 3-6
Wednesday	26 th February	
Thursday	27 th February	Band 8.00am Principal's Morning Tea Gymea Technology High School Visit Years 5-6
Friday	28 th February	Year 1 Swimming PSSA Sport/Tennis/School Sport Assembly 2.45pm Years 3-6
Monday	2 nd March	Young Leaders Day (Captains and Vice Captains) Boys Dance Lessons Begin

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our Annual **School Swimming Carnival** is being held at Sans Souci Swimming Pool tomorrow, Tuesday 25 February. Students will need to be at school by 8.45am to have their names checked off as **buses leave at 9.00am** for the venue. It looks like we are in for good weather and lots of fun, however, if it rains the carnival will still go ahead as representatives who will compete in the Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 3 March will be determined on this day. I would like to thank Mrs Fallah for all her organisation of the day.

Next week we are going to begin **trialling a new way of lining up at bell times**. We will **no longer have a morning or lunch assembly under the COLA**. At morning bell time (9:30am) 3-6 students will go directly to their class's designated line up area and wait for their teacher. K-2 will continue to line up under the COLA and the teachers will take them straight to class. Teachers have advised their classes of the new procedure and will practice during the week. On arrival in the morning, students may drop their bags at their class's designated line up area, say goodbye to their parents/caregivers and then continue into the playground. By trialling this we hope to maximise learning time in the classroom as well as keep the mornings as settled as possible, particularly for our new students. If parents do walk their child to their lines for bag drop off, we ask that parents shut the school gates as they leave.

I look forward to enjoying morning tea with some of our **Principal Award recipients** this Thursday 27 February at 11.15am.

Just a reminder that **applicants for Year 7 placement** in a selective high school in 2021 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2020. The test centre for students from Gymea North Public School is Gymea Technology High School.

Just a reminder about dropping off and picking up students in the mornings and afternoons. The council rangers have been visiting frequently as I am very conscious of student safety. Please remember that **no parking zones have a MAXIMUM wait time of 2 minutes**. If your child has not come out the gate within that time, you are required to move on and do another lap. I understand that Ruby Road can be busy and frustrating when people do not follow the rules, but please remember to be patient and drive safely particularly for all our children's sake. I am working hard with the P&C to upgrade the front of our school and improve student safety.

Our first **Fathering Project** event for 2020, 'Bangers and Bingo', will be held on Thursday 12 March. Please see the information flyer in this newsletter.

Just a note about holidays. Parents are encouraged to take holidays with their children **during school vacation periods whenever possible**. However, if travel of greater than 10 school days during the school term is taken, parents will need to fill in an *Application for 'Extended Leave - Travel'* as required by the DoE which is then signed off by the Principal. Travel documentation, such as your travel itinerary, should be attached to the application. These are available through the office.

Last week we received **two beautiful thank you** packages from a pre-school in Batlow (Batlow Apple Tree Learning Centre) and a primary school in Tumut, Gadara Public School. Both of these places received a number of the 'Back to School' backpacks that we packed during our Bushfire Donation Drive in January. They wanted me to pass on their heartfelt thanks and the students were absolutely thrilled to receive them. The pre-school sent a folder full of photos and stories about the Dunn's Rd fire, some of them devastating, and you are most welcome to look at it next time you are in our school office. We will continue to work with these schools this year and once again I thank Bec Hembling and Katie McIntyre for their work in organising that drive. It is wonderful to hear about the positive impact our donations made to the children and schools around Tumut.

Mrs Kirsty Sharman
Relieving Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday – Supervisor, Emma Donaldson (9.30-12), Karen Nicholas (12.45-2.30)

Thursday – Supervisor, Shawna Copas (9.30-12), Julie Radovanovic (12.45-2.30)

Monday – Supervisor, Mandy Kulibab (9.30-12), Kirsty Ettrick (12.45-2.30)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday soon. We hope you have a great day. Marlee, Rylan, Luca and William.



NOTES SENT HOME

School Costs – All Students
Souvenir Shirt – Year 6 Only



CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Congratulations to Ellie (1A), Genevieve (1S) and Patrick (2H) who displayed consistent achievement.

GYMEA NORTH AWARD

1A	Travis, Mila
1S	Simone, James
1/2L	Ashley, Travis, Evie, Logan
2H	Alexander, Mathew, Levi, Piper
2S	Raymond, Jasmin, Harlowe, Kai



LUNCH ORDERS

All canteen lunch orders should remain with children in the morning and placed in the baskets in their classroom. Orders should not be taken directly to the canteen.

Please place all orders in a bag big enough to fit the lunch inside. If required, lunch bags can be purchased from the canteen with your order.



AN EVENT FOR DADS AND KIDS OF GYMEA NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Att Fathers and Father-figures of GyMEA North Public School. Grab your kids, a sausage sandwich or two and come revel in the thrill of bingo!

This is the first of four Fathering Project events for GNPS in 2020.

Visit thefatheringproject.org for more information and to join the GNPS group!

WHEN: 6:30-8pm Thursday 12 March

WHERE: Auditorium, GyMEA North Public School

WHO: Fathers (and Father figures) and their kids

COST: \$5 per person (2 sausage sandwiches, drink and bingo)

RSVP: Monday 9 March



☐ Yes, we want to come to Bangers & Bingo!

Name: _____

Number of people: _____ **Total cost: \$** _____
Including Dad and kids \$ 5 per person

☐ I want to be invited to the GNPS Fathering Project group

Email: _____



PLEASE RETURN SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 9 MARCH 2020

***** PAYMENT VIA CASH ONLY *****

BUSHFIRE RELIEF 2020 SOUTH COAST REGION
CRONULLA PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL
TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2020



Cronulla Zone PSSA will aid the South Coast Regional PSSA in providing funds to two PSSAs in the region for their communities who have been devastated by bushfires in the summer. South Coast Executive Sports Coordination Officer Meegan Dignam said that the worst zones in the community needing assistance are Sapphire Coast PSSA and Eurobodalla PSSA.

All students who compete for their schools at the Cronulla Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, 3 March 2020 at Caringbah Pool are able to swim for another student on the South Coast from Sapphire Coast PSSA and Eurobodalla PSSA.

Competing students can assist by making a \$5 cash donation into our fund-raising buckets available on the day. In addition, money raised from Cronulla Zone PSSA program sales, apparel sales and swim cap sales will be donated to students affected by the devastating fires in their South Coast hometowns. Please give generously to assist schools and their communities alleviate a financial cost at this difficult time.

'I know that your exceptionally generous offer of covering costs for students levies at their district/zone swimming championships 2020 will genuinely assist many families who will be struggling for some time into the future, including those who have not actually lost their homes, but have been financially hampered by the events through a number of avenues. The thoughtfulness and outstanding gesture from Cronulla Zone PSSA will be very much appreciated. Whilst we are very fortunate to have caring communities rallying around each other in times of need, knowing that our city cousins are thinking of us will make the hard times and maintaining a positive outlook that little easier to bear. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to the executive, schools and community from Cronulla Zone PSSA.'
Meeqan Dignam: South Coast Executive Sports Coordination Officer



UNIFORM SHOP

We would like to thank the parents and carers for their continued support of the uniform shop. All proceeds from sales go directly back to supporting our school.

The uniform shop is open from 3.00pm-3.45pm on Mondays in the school hall. Orders can also be placed via the school office. These orders will be filled and left for collection at the office.

PAYMENTS

- Cash
- Cheques made payable to GyMEA North Public School P&C Uniform Shop
- EFT – Please allow 2 working days for processing (Unable to be collected until funds clear)
Account name – GyMEA North Public School P&C Uniform Shop
BSB – 062177
Account – 10229907
Please use students name as the reference.

Once you have made your direct deposit please forward your completed order form, including receipt number, to the uniform shop via email gnps.uniformshop@hotmail.com or directly to the school office.

If an exchange is required, please do so within 2 weeks of purchase. These items must be in original packaging and retain all tags and stickers.

Cricket hats (\$15) and Surf Hats (\$15) can be purchased from the canteen on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please note, our uniform shop prices are cheaper than the local suppliers and all profits generated go directly back to our school, which in turn benefits our children.

Ruth Sannes and Emily Chapman
Uniform Shop Coordinators

FUNDRAISING NEWS

School Colour Explosion Run

Thursday 2 April



This year we will be kicking off with a blast of colour! We are excited to participate in the School Colour Explosion Run. Next week all students will receive information and sponsorship details to help raise funds for our great school. Keep an eye out for this information!

The event is still over a month away, however we are looking for volunteers to assist on the day of the event. It is going to be lots of fun! Please contact Megan 0415 362 319 or Vanessa 0488 376 487 to register your interest.

Thank you!

Port Hacking High School provides an innovative and inclusive learning environment where students will have their potential nurtured in a range of academic, sporting, performing arts and extra-curricular activities.

Barbeque and refreshments available.

“To strive is to achieve”
ARDENTIBUS NIL ARDUI

Join the tour of our outstanding facilities and experience how our students learn, grow and achieve to meet and exceed their personal best.



**Port Hacking
High School**

Open Night

for all prospective future students and their families

Wednesday 4th March 5:45pm

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT SEYMOUR SHAW PARK, MIRANDA

**HAVE
YOUR
SAY**

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Sutherland Shire Council is considering improving the recreational opportunities at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda. These improvements are aimed at supporting active lifestyles now and into the future.

To assist Council to plan for improvements and ensure they meet the needs of residents in the centre of Sutherland Shire, we are seeking your feedback and suggestions from **10 February until 2 March 2020**.

Feedback can be submitted:

- **Online** via Join the Conversation: sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/jtc
- **In writing** to Asset Services, Sutherland Shire Council, Locked Bag 17, Sutherland 1499.



For more information visit
sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/jtc
or contact our Asset Services team on
T 02 9710 0333.

SUTHERLANDSHIRE





Relating as Stepfamilies

This three-session program assists couples to manage the demands of life as a stepfamily.

It will assist parents to:

- examine the challenges and positives of stepfamilies
- examine personal beliefs and the effects of holding onto these
- highlight the losses stepfamilies have suffered
- recognise the importance of developing stepfamily rituals
- compare different communication styles

Mondays, 5:00pm – 8:00pm

9 March | 16 March | 23 March

Cost: \$75 per couple

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Rd South, Caringbah

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4408



Building Bridges

When parents separate, they often live in two homes and kids need to find a way to build their own bridge between their parents' homes.

Building Bridges is a 90 minute workshop for children to discuss how bridges connect families that are living in two separate places. This workshop is available for children aged between 8 and 12 years old.

Children will learn:

- to understand feelings about parental separation and conflict
- about changes in families following separation
- how to feel safe in the family
- to become emotionally stronger and more resilient
- consider succession planning and transition counselling

Tuesday, 4:00 – 6:00pm, 31 March 2020

Cost: \$15 per child

Venue: Interrelate Caringbah

Address: 383-385 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah

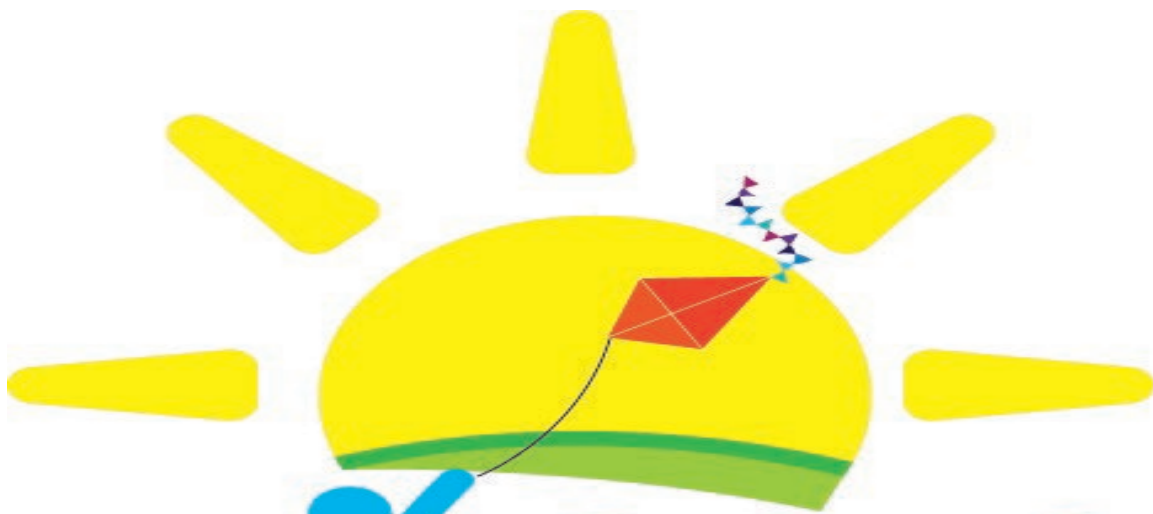
Bookings essential (limited numbers) — phone 8522 4408





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Expression of Interest to enrol in the Theatre/Drama Program

Magic Sounds Music & Theatre Studio is offering a Music Theatre Program for students of GyMEA North Public School after school hours.

Music Theatre classes - the program aims to incorporate acting, singing and choreography skills to develop children's performance skills, self-confidence and communication. The classes are structured in two levels according to age groups: Junior Theatre (ages 5- 7) and Stage Two Theatre (ages 8-12).

Duration of the class: one hour

When: Wednesday or Thursday (whichever day is more popular)

Time: 3:45pm in the School Hall

Cost: approx. \$30.00- \$35.00 per class

The lessons could potentially commence in the near future if sufficient interest is received.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the program please call Natalie on **0415 971 915** or email us:
magicsounds@hotmail.com.au



TAKE CARE GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Welcome back to a new school year! Sutherland Shire Council Parking Officers will be out at all schools again this year helping you to ensure that all children get to and from school safely.

DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN

Schools are areas where there is a lot of interaction between cars and pedestrians: your children. Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable.

Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. Boys are twice as likely to be involved in pedestrian accidents as girls and children 10-14 years have the highest rate of child pedestrian casualties (RMS).

- Children up to eight years old should hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the carpark or when crossing the road.
- Children up to ten years old should be actively supervised around traffic and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- Take the time to make sure your children are aware of, understand and follow traffic safety regulations when they are walking.

HAVE A PLAN

Plan with your son or daughter how you will collect them. When and where will you be after school? Where should they wait? Make sure they know not to try and get into your vehicle while it is still in traffic, even if you are stopped; they should wait until you have parked at the side of the road.

Plan to arrive AFTER the school bell goes in the afternoon, so your children are ready and waiting for you and you are not blocking traffic.

NO PARKING ZONES

A No Parking zone is a pick up and drop off area: you can stop here for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers and must remain within three metres of the vehicle. When parents park in a No Parking zone for longer than two minutes they prevent other parents from stopping to drop off or pick up their children, creating frustration and dangerous situations. If you arrive before the school bell and block the pickup areas, you risk a fine.

Parking offences in school zones carry heavier fines and loss of demerit points. Sutherland Shire Council makes no apologies for fining drivers who break the law around schools and in school zones.

See the Roads and Maritime Authority website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au for more about Australian Road Rules and other road safety information.

SOME SIGNS YOU WILL SEE AROUND YOUR SCHOOL

NO PARKING

What does it mean?

You CAN stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.



Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children

NO STOPPING

What does it mean?

You CANNOT stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there?

To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes.



BUS ZONE

What does it mean?

You must NOT stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of 'their' safety zone.



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