

# OUR VOICE!

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## Welcome to Issue #4

Press Gang has worked very hard to create this issue, full of wonderful things that have happened at GEPS this term.

Articles include PSSA, a Bulldogs player visiting GEPS, The Swimming Carnival, The Lunar New Year, and much more.

We are so glad you are reading.

*Bassam*

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## GEPS Kids Enjoy a Splashtastic School Swimming Carnival

By The Press Gang

The Swimming Carnival took place on a bright sunny Wednesday in Week 2.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 from Granville East Public School went to Granville Swimming Centre, on Diamond Avenue for the Swimming Carnival.

It was very fun to swim and cheer people on, and also play activities/ races to experience competition and swimming.

Here is what GEPS students and teachers had to say about it.



Image: GEPS Students get ready at the Swimming Carnival

"My favourite part of Swimming Carnival is when they threw toys into the water and you had to swim and catch them." Ahmad

"I came first place in freestyle. The activities were fun - stuck in the mud and everything about it." Bahiya

"Everyone was getting their hopes up and cheering on for their team." Lujane

"The best part was everybody cheering for their house, so I really enjoyed that. Everybody got into supporting everybody." Miss Elli

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## We Celebrate The Lunar New Year With Lion Dance

By Zaynab, Menaal & Phoebe



Image: The Lion Dance Kids Company perform at GEPS to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Lunar New Year is a celebration at the beginning of the lunar calendar (lunar means moon.) It is now the Year of the Dragon.

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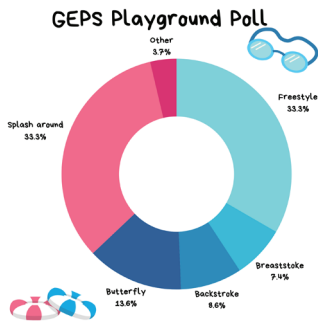
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## Swimming Carnival Fun

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Our playground poll found that freestyle is the most popular swimming stroke.

But just as many students enjoy splashing around



## Lunar New Year!



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At GEPS we celebrated it by watching a performance by Lion Dance Kids Company. They came to perform for us in Week 5 on the 26th of February.

It was very exciting, they were very confident. There were drums. There were acrobats and they wore a lion costume.

Some students were a bit scared, and some were screaming in

## Humans of GEPS: Ms Marwarzi, Stage 2

Interview and photo by Mohamad & Abdullah

Ms Marwarzi is a Stage 2 teacher.

**How long have you worked at GEPS?**

I started in April 2020 as a support teacher.

**How long have you played soccer?**

All my life. I started when I was eight years old. I even represented WA and the women's Nationals for three years.

I've been playing for the



Holroyd Rangers for the last five years, we were champions in 2021 and 2023.

**What do you do in your free time?**

I like to travel and visit

my mum.

**If you could have any superpower, what would it be?**

To speak and understand every single language.



## Building Awareness Of Friendology

By Abdulraheem, Ameena & Mustafa

being friendly to one another.

We are trying to make Granville East Public School more familiar with Friendology to convince all the students to say kind words, play nicely and be respectful.

On the playground we need to watch out for students who are lonely and may need a friend to play with.

We can build Friendology by making the playground safer by

So, how do we build Awareness?

We could build awareness by getting together and making a club about Friendology.



# Special Report: PSSA at GEPS



**By Ibrahim & Roman**

PSSA stands for Public Schools Sports Association. Schools verse each other in sports such as basketball, soccer, OzTag, netball and T-Ball.

PSSA takes place at different sports grounds. We play AFL on grass and basketball on a Court.

To play the sport you will have to join a team.

The PSSA teachers are Ms Marwazi, Ms Ballouk & Mrs Melish.

We spoke to some GEPS students in the playground to ask them what their favourite PSSA sport is.

"I like soccer. I like

like to score goals."

"I like Soccer. I like it when we all play together as a team."

"I like AFL because it's very active and fun."

"My favourite sport is basketball. You have fun and it trains your hands."

"I like AFL and soccer. I like kicking the ball."

"I like soccer. You have fun with your friends and you play."

"I like AFL. The best thing about it is kicking the ball."

"I like playing AFL. My favourite thing is kicking the ball."

## Why We Wear Orange for Harmony Day



Image: Students don cultural dress or orange

**By Mohamad and Abdullah**

Harmony day is a special event that happens on the 21st of March. It is a day were you celebrate your culture and respect other cultures.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversation. It also relates to freedom and ideas.

## Stage 2 See Dog Man The Musical

**By Mariam & Jhlyah**

In week 7, Stage 2 went to see the Dog Man musical at the Glen St Theatre in Belrose.

The musical is based on the book Dog Man by Dav Pilkey.

63 students went on the excursion with their teachers. It took them 1 hour to get there by bus.

They went on this excursion because



Image: The Dog Man Musical took place at the Glen Street Theatre. Credit: Facebook

they are learning about visual imagery in literacy.

The show had plenty of acting, songs and

dance. They had a splendid time. I interviewed a teacher and student about their experience at the Dog Man Musical.

"It looked like they enjoyed it. It was pretty funny.

"All the kids were laughing. They were very entertained," said Stage 2 teacher Ms Marwarzi

"I liked the part when little Pete started to cry and the dad tried to stop him by putting his hand over his mouth, but every time the dad took his hand off Pete's mouth he would cry again," said Ameena from Y4.

## Interviews: Press Gang Zoom With Aussie Authors Nat Amoore & Oliver Phommavanh



Image: Nat Amoore & Oliver Phommavanh

### Oliver Phommavanh By Bassam

Oliver Phommavanh is an author of 11 books, including *Con-Nerd* and *What About Thao*. His books are focused on making people laugh, he does this by getting a character and giving it something to do, but there's a twist! He makes the character the opposite of what he is doing, for example a hairdresser that is allergic to hair.

When he was a student in school, he used to be a class clown, but he also used to be talkative, giving him the power to write funny stories and tell funny jokes.

"I was always getting in trouble for telling jokes, for always saying the wrong things at the right time, or was that the right things at the wrong time.

"But I was always talking a lot and I was always making people laugh," he said.

He used to be a primary school teacher and then he decided to become a writer. "I taught in Green Valley. And I just had this feeling of like, oh, I should give writing a crack," he said.

It takes around a year for him to make a book, as he has to plan, revise, edit, draft and publish.

### Nat Amoore By Phoebe

Nat Amoore is an Australian author who has written several books including *Secrets of a Schoolyard Millionaire* and the new series, *Shower Land*.

Q: How do you get inspired in your books?

A: I get the ideas from not thinking for a while and if an idea is stuck in my brain it is good.

Q: Why did you want to be an author?

A: Because I've always been a great storyteller.

Q: What challenges do you face in writing books?

A: Writing the books because it is hard to know where to put the punctuation and stuff.

Q: What experience will you take away from writing books?

A: I would take away the movie in my head.

Q: What advice do you have for young writers?

A: Enter writing competitions. Get the story first, fix the problems later.



Image: Viliame Kikau

## When The Bulldogs Came To School

By Amena H, Enayah & Aminah C

NRL player Viliame Kikau from the Bulldogs came to GEPS to talk to Stage 3.

"He gave a presentation about always striving to be our best and always giving our greatest effort," said Miss Salloum.

"It was an incredible experience for everyone involved," she added.

Students were also very excited that they got ask for his autograph.

**LOL!**



Q. Why do bees have sticky hair?

A. They use honey-combs



Q. Where would you be most likely to find an elephant?



A. The same place you lost one!



Q. Why does it take pirates so long to learn the alphabet?



A. Because they spend years at C!



Q. Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure?



A. Because he was a little shellfish!

## Cartoon By Aminah C

*When the Bulldogs visited GEPS...*

