YEAR 7 BULLETINTerm 3 Week 1



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

24 th to 28 th July	Week 2	GHS NAIDOC Week Celebrations
26 th July	Wednesday	The Tutankhamun Roadshow at GHS
28 th July	Friday	NAIDOC Fair (BBQ & Bakesale)
18 th August	Friday	National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence
23 rd August	Wednesday	Wear it Purple Day
25 th August	Friday	Adjusted Curriculum Day (Location TBA)
1 st September	Friday	Book Week Celebration
8 th September	Friday	Muru Bulbi Shield
22 nd September	Friday	Last day of Term Three

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR YEAR ADVISOR

Welcome to Term Three! We are now over halfway through Year 7 and the reality of "how quickly time flies" has started to set in. I recall our first day of Year 7 speaking with the students and families on-site about it being the student's first day in Year 7, and my first day as their Year 7 Advisor. To now think that we are closer towards Year 8 than that day is remarkable.

This week, I encouraged students to think about three keywords: gratitude, empathy, and mindfulness. I asked students to regularly reflect on something they are grateful for, to think about situations from another person's perspective and to practise mindfulness or activities that allow them to 'slow down'.

Our attendance continued to hold a steady rate over the term as a cohort. However, Year 12 now leads the school as they sit slightly higher than us with their average cohort attendance. We had seventy-seven students who achieved the NSW Department of Education's attendance target of 90% or higher across Semester One. This is a fantastic achievement and students will be rewarded next week. Well done on your role in meeting these standards!

Please reach out if there is any aspect of your child/ward's schooling that you would like support, or any questions you would like answered, and I will get in contact with you at the earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Mr Mark Finlayson

The Tutankhamun Roadshow

Please ensure that the online consent form has been completed on School Bytes and that \$5 has been paid either online or via the front office.

GHS NAIDOC Week

Next week, GHS will be celebrating NAIDOC Week and the theme "For Our Elders." Students will be participating in lessons, an assembly and a fair to conclude the week on Friday. There will be an Indigenous All Stars vs All Stars student football match on the oval, as well as a BBQ and bake sale at lunch. There will be fun activities for students to participate in and students are encouraged to wear mufti in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours - Red, Yellow, Black, Blue, Green and White for a gold coin donation. Money raised on the day will go towards our students participating in Star Struck next year. See the poster below for prices of the BBQ.



UNIFORM

Students have now had two terms to organise and equip themselves with the appropriate school uniform. This term and ongoing, we will be holding students more accountable for wearing their correct school uniforms. A welfare approach will be taken first, then disciplinary if a student chooses not to comply with our uniform policy.

ATTENDANCE

Please inform the school if your child/ward is absent from school. It allows the school to record the absences as justified absences, as well as allow me a quick insight into the absence so that I can reach out to offer support from a school point of view.

- A response as to why the student is absent is required by return SMS or contact the school office on 4393 7000 within 7 days.
- More than two consecutive sick days require a doctor's certificate.
- Extended leave needs to be approved by the Deputy Principal for events such as holidays.

SCHOOL CONTACT

If you have any updates, concerns or feedback following the holidays, please email me and I will get back to you at the earliest opportunity.

Please call the school on 4393 7000 or email me at mark.finlayson9@det.nsw.edu.au with any questions, concerns, or feedback you have.

Additionally, please look at our school's website to find more information regarding assessment, wellbeing, news and more:

https://gorokan-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/



Sausage Sandwich

\$2.50

Soft Drink Cans

51.50

Bake Sale with delicious treats for you to purchase