



5 December 2014

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

Thank you

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to the Students, Staff and our Community for their effort and support during 2014. We have had a lot of things happening around our school as mentioned in the last Newsletter with the building works, new classes placed here by the Department of Education and Communities and lots of positive rewards happening for our students.

This Term has seen our inaugural Sports Presentation Dinner, our Year 6 Sports Day, Year 10 Work Experience, Year 9 Camp to the Gold Coast, our Year Group Rewards Excursions and a number of students representing the school at the Schools Spectacular. These events have been fantastic for our school giving us exposure across not just our region, but across the country.

I must thank all our staff for not only having exams marked and reports completed during this busy time of year but for all the extra work they put in. When our school runs excursions for students, the staff that go on the excursion usually have classes to cover. It is the staff left here at school that cover these lessons so that our students continue with their lessons as normal.

I would like to recognise a few staff personally for the extra efforts they have put in throughout the Term and year:

- Our Year Advisers: Nicolle Paul, Erin Manu, Andrew Sawatske, Lauren Goldie, Kim McLean, Erin Osborne and Tracey Wells (Year 7 2015), for the outstanding work they do each day with their year groups;
- Kim Costa (Term 1) and Andrew Collins (Terms 2 – 4) working in the 3rd Deputy Principal position as part of our Senior Executive Team;
- Shanie Singleton and Marie Grant for the support they give to me on a daily basis helping lead and manage our school;
- Joel Anderson and Ben Drelincourt for their efforts as Sports Organisers;
- Lisa Spencer, Joel Anderson, Lauren Goldie, Ben Drelincourt and Andrew Collins for their organisation and the Sports Presentation Dinner;
- Andrew Sawatske for his efforts organising the Gold Coast Excursion;
- Lindsey Gough and Andrew Collins for their organisation of Presentation Night;

- Susanne Thompson for her organisation of Year 10 Work Experience and
- Lesley Armstrong, Marianna Darroch and June Lake for their support of our students at Star Struck.

Planning for 2015

Please support our Uniform Shop and our Canteen in 2015 as they both support our school with donations from income received. So when thinking of buying books for next year see our Canteen staff as they will have a book pack organised for each year group. Our Uniform Shop also caters for all our student needs so when buying uniforms please see Leanne Bailey for your requirements.

Sam Ricketts
Principal

Getting Ready for 2015 School Year

To assist parents readying students for the new school Year, the GHS Uniform Shop and Canteen will be open on the following dates for purchasing of uniforms and book bundles:

Uniform Shop Holiday Trading

Saturday: 10th, 17th & 24th January 2015
9.00 a.m. — 12.00 p.m.

P&C Canteen Holiday Trading

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Cash and EFTPOS only — Sorry no Cheques accepted.

Other Items sold at the Canteen: Food Technology Apron \$12 & Cap \$7

The Canteen also sells all other stationery requirements students may require.

The Canteen will have cold drinks, tea & coffee available during holiday trading hours. All profits from the School Canteen go to the P&C to assist with school resources and student support. Please support your School Canteen.

Note: NO REFUNDS ON BOOK BUNDLES

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Wearing school uniform is an important aspect of Gorokan High school's expectations of students. Wearing uniform is important because:

- It helps to ensure the safety of students inside and outside the school (work, health and safety)
- It allows easy identification of students especially when the school has visitors or when students are on excursions
- It gives the school an identity in the community
- It generates pride in the school and an identity with the school
- It tells the community and in particular, employers, so much about a student's: attitude to school, their willingness to follow regulations and procedures, their respect for authority and their character.

The Department of Education and Community has a safety policy which states that footwear worn for practical classes must be impervious to liquids and must be **completely enclosed black leather shoes**. Shoes are to have a **"solid sole and firm uppers"**. Students who wear joggers, open sandals or sandshoes will be involved in developing skills in other areas but will not take part in practical lessons. For Stage 6 Courses this may mean that a student will not meet course requirements and therefore be ineligible for the award of a HSC. **Please keep this in mind if purchasing new school shoes for 2015.**



Correct Shoe Attire

At Gorokan we value Respect, Cooperation and Personal Best - complying with Uniform Regulations reinforces these values.

SCHOOL CANTEN PRICE LIST

All prices are subject to price rise

SANDWICHES & ROLLS	Sandwich	Roll	SALADS	
Cheese	\$1.80	\$2.00	Salad Tub (small)	\$4.50
Ham	\$2.20	\$2.50	Salad Tubs (large)	\$6.50
Chicken	\$2.20	\$2.50	Chicken Salad Tub	\$7.50
Egg & Lettuce	\$2.20	\$2.50	Ham Salad Tub	\$5.00
Curried Egg & lettuce	\$2.30	\$2.60		
Ham & Salad	\$3.00	\$3.50		
Chicken & Salad	\$3.00	\$3.50		
Salad	\$2.70	\$3.00	Salad & Meat (small)	
	\$2.70	\$3.00		
	\$2.50	\$2.70		

Chicken Lettuce & Mayo	\$2.50	\$2.70		
Ham & Cheese				
HOT FOOD		DRINKS		
Chicken Fillet, Cheese & BBQ Sauce Burger	\$4.50	Large Plain Milk	\$1.50	
Chicken Tender Wraps Chilli	\$4.00	Small Plain Milk	\$1.00	
Schnitzel Wraps	\$4.00		\$4.00	
Meat Pies	\$3.30	Oak Milk 750 ml	\$3.00	
Traveller Pies (B.C.B or Beef)	\$3.30	Oak Milk 600 ml	\$2.50	
Sausage Rolls	\$2.50	Oak Milk 500 ml	\$2.00	
Pizza Roundas	\$2.00	Oak Milk 300 ml	\$2.00	
Chicken Fillets	\$2.50	Oak Milk 300 ml	\$2.50	
Chicken Crackles	\$2.50	Nippies Milk	\$3.50	
Chicken Tenders	\$3.30	Up & Go	\$2.00	
Hot Cheese Roll	\$4.00	Small Squeeze	\$2.50	
Cheese & Spinach Rolls	\$3.50	Large Squeeze	\$3.00	
Fried Rice	\$3.00	Nestea	\$3.00	
Small Nachos	\$6.00	Water		
Large Nachos	\$2.50	Diet Coke, Zero, Sprite 390 ml		
Hot Dogs	\$2.00	Diet Coke, Zero, Sprite 600 ml		
Noodle Cups	\$2.50	Powerade Zero		
Cheese & Bacon Rolls	\$2.50			
Cheese & Vegemite Scrolls				
ICE CREAMS/ ICE BLOCKS		LOLLIES/ SWEETS		
Milo Cups	\$2.80	Ovalteenies	\$1.00	
Fandangles	\$1.50	Sunfruits	\$1.00	
Icy Poles	\$1.00	Mixed Lollies	\$1.00	
Ice Cream Cups	\$1.50	Eucalyptus	.20	
Mousse	\$1.00	Chips	\$1.20	
TNTs	\$1.00	Cookies	.50	
		Cakes from...	\$2.50	

UNIFORM SHOP

GIRLS UNIFORM:

Jnr. Skirt	\$40.00
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Zip Jacket	\$35.00
School Pants	\$30.00
Scarf	\$ 5.00

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Shorts	\$30.00
Shirt	\$25.00
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Polo Shirts	\$25.00
Micro Fibre Shorts	\$20.00
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Marie Grant
Deputy Principal

SUPPORT UNIT:

As our year comes to a close, I'd like to begin by thanking all the staff and parents for making this year a success. In 2014, we have seen the Support Unit continue to grow and all staff are excited by the opportunities available in 2015. However, as with every year, changes do occur over the holidays and we farewell Mr Howard, who has taught the BD Class for the past Semester. I would like to thank Mr Howard for his care, effort and application over the past Semester and I'm sure he will be back at Gorokan High in 2015.

This year has seen a number of highlights: such as moving into our new permanent classrooms, to integration, Dane Boyd being elected School Vice-Captain and sporting days. We have had a lot of success and continue to work tirelessly to improve the Support Unit and provide opportunities for our students. We conclude our year with a day to Luna Park or Barbecue Lunch on the 15th December. These days highlight the dedication of staff and reward students who regularly meet our school expectations.

Finally, the Support Unit farewelled our two Year 12 students, Sam Binskin and Blake Marlow. Sam who was a member of our IM Class is off to ET Australia, while Blake who was a member of the MC Class is off to Life Without Barriers. All staff would like to extend our best wishes to both students in future endeavours.

Jon Glasson
HT Special Education

GIFTED AND TALENTED UNIT:

Where did this Year go? It is incredible that we are in the last Term!

We want to acknowledge all the Teachers who successfully completed the training in Gifted and Talented Education. The three session workshops were developed to train our Teachers in curriculum differentiation and to create awareness of the emotional and social issues that gifted students may have during their adolescence. All the Teachers were engaged and they worked hard to develop the best curriculum for the 2015 Selective Classes. Congratulations!!

Our Selective Classes next year are getting organised and the Teachers teaching those classes are having Meetings to differentiate the curriculum for the students.

The GHS Academic Olympics for Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) will happen on Friday 5th of December. The Academic Competition has been very successful for the past 4 years and is getting stronger. This extracurricular activity allows students to have fun, develop social skills and improve in their problem solving strategies while working in teams. Results for the Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be published in our Web Page and in the first newsletter of 2015.



Check the GHS Web Page 'Gifted and talented' section regularly as it is frequently updated with information for parents and students.

Finally, the GATS Unit wishes to congratulate all of our students who have achieved a high standard. Keep up the positive attitude towards your learning for 2015.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Dr Silvia Rudmann
GATS Co-ordinator

SCIENCE NEWS:

Senior students undertaking Science have been busy completing Assessment Tasks and should be preparing for in-class Assessment Tasks. Biology, Physics and Chemistry all have in class tasks to complete before the end of Term. Notification of those tasks can be found on the Website. Please ensure that you are revising your work over the Xmas break as it is a good opportunity to complete summaries of the dot points covered.

All junior students should be engaged in completing the course content for science. Even though the yearly examinations are over, most students still have not completed the Final Subject Unit and there is still new material to be learnt. Year 8 students who sat the ESSA (Essential Secondary Science Assessment) Exam in November should receive notice of their results in February of next year.

On behalf of the Science Staff, I would like to extend our best wishes to all students and their families for a very Merry Xmas and safe holidays. We look forward to seeing you in 2015.

Lyn Macauley
Head Teacher Science

Environment Day:

The last Environment Day for the year is on Monday 15th September 2014.

Students attending school on this day will participate in gardening activities in the morning. Activities include but are not limited to; weeding, pruning, mulching and planting. A Sports Afternoon will follow.

Students can wear Sports Uniform and encouraged to bring gloves, sun hat and fully enclosed shoes. Students in the past have really enjoyed Environment Day as they can see immediate results and improvements made to their school environment.

See Mrs Macauley in the Science Staffroom for more information or if you would like to donate some native plants for the schools' gardens.

Lyn Macauley
Head Teacher Science

MATHS MATTERS:

In 2015 the Maths Faculty are leading the way in Textbook Technology! Students in some Junior Classes will be issued with a Physical Textbook and an Electronic Version of the Textbook provided on USB. To observe Copyright Laws each Textbook is linked to a single USB through a Library code engraved on the USB and students will need to ensure that they retain the relevant USB for the Textbook borrowed. Students will then have the use of the USB for the school year, providing them with a central repository for all their computer files for any subjects. It is anticipated that textbooks will remain securely at School to be used in class while students use the electronic textbook on a BYOD for home study. An internet connection is not required. The benefits include less backache for students, longer lifespan for textbooks and a school USB for individual use (for a year). If students experience problems in accessing a computer at home from time to time, alternative arrangements can be made with your Maths Teacher. Conditional on any existing copyrights, other resources may be included on the USB for students to access in their own time. Senior students will continue to borrow their textbooks and bring them to class each day as required.

With Christmas fast approaching, a list of gift ideas for the budding Mathematician seems appropriate:

1. A calculator (Casio fx 82-AU plus)
2. Pens, pencils, ruler, eraser
3. Geometry Set
4. More pens, pencils, ruler, eraser (they've already lost the first lot)
5. A Bring Your Own Device (with USB ports)
6. Times Table Poster
7. More pens, pencils, ruler, eraser (yep, they've gone again!)
8. Analogue watches (the ones that go around the dial)
9. A calendar with Seasons included

10. A pencil case (might stop some of those pens going missing!)

Have a safe Christmas!

Time to think:

The answer to the last challenge was: $x - y = 1$

This month's challenge is:

A Litre of Orange Fruit Juice drink contains 10% Orange Juice. How many millilitres of Orange Juice must be added to produce a mixture containing 50% Orange Juice?

Bene Esterman
Head Teacher Maths

CAREER NEWS:

Year 10 Work Experience

Both last week (8B) and this week (9A) we have most of our Year 10 students out in the local community doing Work Experience. We appreciate the opportunities that the local employers provide for our students and the time that the Host Employers put in to give our students a positive experience.

Already, after one week, one of our students has been offered a 2 year Traineeship which is a wonderful opportunity. This is a very positive outcome from participating in the Year 10 Work Experience Program.

Motivating Students in 2015

In February 2015 I have booked a Motivational Speaker, Justin Herald, who is a former student of our school to present sessions to Year 10 and Year 11.

What has Justin done since leaving School?

At the age of 25 with only \$50 to his name, Justin Herald set about changing the course of his life. Justin created Attitude Inc., a clothing brand that became an International Licensing success that turned over in excess of \$20 Million per year. Justin's success was so well noted that he was named the "INTERNATIONAL ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR" for 2005. And there is more...

Justin is an engaging speaker who holds the students and teachers captive throughout his funny and motivating talk about his journey through life and businesses success.

Wishing all of our school families a safe holiday.

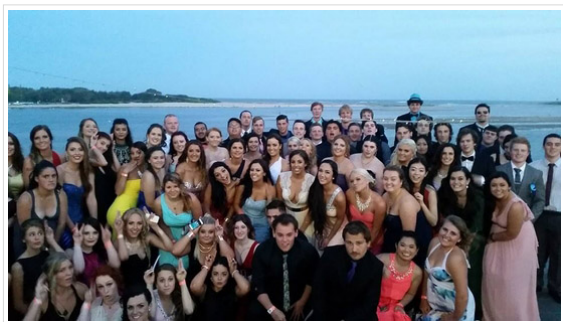
Susanne Thompson
Careers Adviser

YEAR 12 FAREWELL – 2014:

A few weeks ago I had the absolute joy of celebrating the conclusion of what has been 13 long years of schooling with a wonderful group of young adults. Our Year 12 Formal was held at The Glasshouse, The Entrance. This spectacular venue was the perfect location in which to mark this significant transition through to adulthood. Our students looked stunning and had a fantastic evening of great food, laughter and dancing. They cleaned out the Lolly Bar in record time! It is with great pride I farewell them out into the Community where they will go on to make their mark on the world. We certainly have some very

talented individuals leaving us; it has been a pleasure to have been their Year Advisor and to have shared in their schooling years!

Mrs Erin Osborne
Year 12 Advisor 2014



Year 12 2014

GHS SPORTS DINNER 2014:

The sports presentation for 2014 was an extremely successful evening. It was great to see so many people supporting our students and the community. A special thanks goes to Mark O'Meley, our Guest Speaker, for attending the evening.

Congratulations to all sport award winners; it was great to see so many talented athletes at Gorokan High School. The Sports Committee look forward to 2015 and another year of sporting achievements.



The Sports Dinner Presentation is truly a community/school project with over 15 businesses, providing trophies and incentives for student success in school sport. This support is integral to providing Gorokan High students with a successful and fulfilling sport programme. The Sport Presentation Committee offer our sincere thanks to all sponsors for their support and hope the benefits flow on to you in your business through community patronage.



CHANGES TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TAX FILE PROGRAM:

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at <http://www.ato.gov.au> by searching for 'QC27248'

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at <http://www.ato.gov.au> by searching for 'QC22604'

As more information is sent to the school, I will pass it on to our students.

TERM 1 COMMENCEMENT DATES 2015:

Staff return Tuesday 27th January 2015.

Years 7, 11 & 12 Wednesday 28th January 2015

Years 8, 9 & 10 Thursday 29th January 2015

THE ENTRANCE CINEMA \$8 TICKETS:

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Bring this coupon to Majestic Cinemas The Entrance and get your movie tickets for \$8.50 each!
Valid Until 31/01/2015
*Conditions - Coupon must be surrendered to receive \$8.50 ticket offer. Valid for up to four tickets. Not valid with any other offer. Excludes special events.

COMING TO YOUR LOCAL MAJESTIC CINEMAS!

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