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12 June 2015

## PRINCIPALS REPORT:

What a great first half of 2015. There has been so much happening here at School and in our Community. Our staff has shown outstanding support for our school in covering over 400 'Extra' Periods while other staff have taken students out on excursions ranging from sport, the arts, subject based, debating and many other areas. These Periods are covered on a Volunteer Basis and on top of the normal teaching load. As Principal it makes me very proud that the staff has such a 'Team' mentality when it comes to the education of our students.

Our Year 11 and 12 students have completed their Half Yearly Exams and have received their reports. Please take note of your teacher's comments on how to improve from here. Year 12 you only have about 12 weeks of school to complete. Put your head down now and strive for your personal best.

## Staffing

This Term we welcomed Mr Richard Wegner and new Head Teacher Mr Stephen Carey into the HSIE Faculty. Thank you to Mrs Julie Holland for doing an excellent job as Relieving Head Teacher over the past 3 Terms and Mrs Raegan Travica for the 2 years before that.

Next Term we unfortunately lose one of our fantastic temporary staff members Miss Erika Fitzgerald. Miss Fitzgerald has taken up an opportunity to teach in Sydney for Semester Two this year. I thank her for the great work she did here at Gorokan over the past 4 years in both the PDHPE and HSIE Faculties and also her effort and support of Dance in our school. She will be missed.

During Term 3 both Mrs Grant and Mrs Singleton will be on leave. Relieving as Deputy Principal in their place will be Mrs Macauley (Mrs Grant) and Mr Collins (Mrs Singleton). Mrs Thomas will relieve as Head Teacher PDHPE and Mr Penfold will continue as relieving Head Teacher Science.

## Semester 1 Reports

Junior Semester 1 reports will be posted home over the next couple of weeks with Parent Teacher Night being held on Tuesday 21st July in the School Hall and Gymnasium.

## Late to School / Class

Gorokan High School starts at 8.15am. Students are expected to be in Roll Call at this time. Students arriving after this time require a note from home indicating the reason for their partial absence. If students do not have a note they are required to complete a consequence for the lateness.

Similarly if students are late to class they will be required to complete a consequence. Unfortunately many students are taking too long to move between classes or from the playground to class after breaks. Recess and lunch time are designated times for use of the toilets.

## Mobile Phones and other Electronic Devices

Students are not to have mobile phones on in-class they are not to receive phone calls turn out to make phone calls or to send or receive SMS messages. Phones, music devices and electronic games interfere with individual students learning and disrupt the class as a whole. Some students show disrespect for their fellow students and their teachers in having these devices on during class. Students will be required to hand in their phones, iPods, earphones and other devices if they have them out during class time.

The school phone number is 43 93 7000. If you need to contact your children please phone the school Switchboard and a message will be delivered to them. If your children need to ring you, they are able to do this on their mobile phones at Recess or Lunch time.

Also please be vigilant with your child's 'on-line' activities. There have been an increased number of internet related issues including identity theft, cyber bullying and the set-up of fake Facebook accounts in our community.

## Three reasons for wearing school uniform

**Safety.** When all of our students are in uniform intruders are easy to identify. People who come into the school without permission, often to act aggressively towards our students, and are easily spotted and controlled.

**Pride.** Our uniform engenders a sense of belonging to the school and identification with the school. A positive school spirit is a great aid in learning. Students who have a positive attitude to their school, who approach it with pride, respect and enjoyment are those who will look back on their school days with pleasure and fondness.

**Community Confidence.** Our school is judged by the outside Community not only on its academic results or its sporting prowess but on the image it presents -- the standards of dress and conduct of its students. A negative impression in the eyes of the public demeans our students.

Our P & C supports Gorokan High School in complying with the Department of Education rules on Core Discipline. These rules state that students must "maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code".

## Thanks to

Mrs Marie Grant for her effort as Relieving Principal while I was on leave. Marie did a wonderful job of leading our school at a particularly difficult time of year.

Mrs Lyn Macauley for her effort as Relieving Deputy Principal.

Mr Andrew Penfold for his continued effort as Relieving Head Teacher Science.

Mr Ben Glachan for his work as Sports Organiser in Miss Spencer's absence.

Mr Ben Dreincourt, Miss Erika Fitzgerald and Mrs Heather Barlow for the girls SOAR Program.

All staff for their continued support of our extras policy and the education of our students.

## GATS UNIT:

We have nearly reached the end of Term 2. The Selective Class Entry for Years 8 to 10 will close the 30th of July. If you want your child to apply for the Selective Class entry, there will be more information at the end of this Term which will be accessible on our web page. Meanwhile you can access extra information if you follow the link below:

[http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/selective8\\_12.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/selective8_12.php)

Applicants will sit a Test on the 22nd August at the School Library. Only 2 or 3 positions are vacant in our Selective Classes, therefore the competition for placement will be rigorous. The announcement of successful placement in the Selective Class will be sent by mail at the beginning of Term 4.

The UNSW ICAS Competitions (English, Math, Science and Writing) are about to begin. Results will be available next Term. Each student will receive a Certificate and a page explaining their results.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Science	3 June 2015
Writing	15 June 2015
English	28 July 2015
Mathematics	11 August 2015

## AURORA COLLEGE: PARTIALLY SELECTIVE VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL IN NSW

Gorokan High School is proud to support 'The Rural and Remote Education Action' by facilitating the teaching and learning of rural students through Aurora College, a partially Selective Virtual High School in NSW.

Aurora College was created with the vision to bring high level of education to gifted students in rural and remote areas of NSW. Students in Aurora College follow the same procedures of entry as any other Selective School in NSW with the only difference being is that everything is done online. Lessons are delivered using Adobe Connect Cameras and Interactive Screens.

Students submit daily work through Moodle, Edmodo or Onenote online.

For more details about Aurora College, you can browse its web page at:

<http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/>

**Dr Silvia Rudmann**  
**GATS Head Teacher**

## CAREERS NEWS:

Term Two has been focused on Year 8 and Year 10 Subject Selections for next year.

### The Subject Expo Night

This was held for Year 8 and Year 10 students and their parents, and was very well attended. Once again, it was a very successful School Community Function.

Thanks must go to all the Staff for their efforts in setting up the Hall, preparing the displays and information leaflets as well as making themselves available to speak with students and parents on the night and especially Stacy Hinks who filled in for Helene Jacobs at the last minute.

We also appreciate that Representatives from the University of Newcastle, TAFE, and Central Coast Group Training were able to attend.

This night has been followed by Senior Subject Selection Interviews, for Year 10 students and their parents.

Year 8 and Year 9 were given their Elective Subject Forms, which are due in by the 19th June and many of the students have already returned the forms.

Year 10 will be given an instruction sheet very soon on how to enter their Subject Selections online.

### The Central Coast Careers Expo

This is being held at Cooranbong on Tuesday 23rd June. Permission slips have been issued for this excursion, to Year 10 and Year 12 students. This is an excellent opportunity to speak to people from all areas of Tertiary Education and industries, such as health, construction, hair and beauty, just to name a few.

The cost is \$7 and all money is to be paid at the school office **NOW** so numbers can be finalised for the busses.

### U N eed I nformation Session for Year 12 students

On the 3rd June Year 12 students and their parents were invited to attend the Information Session. I presented the session and was supported on the night by the Head Teacher of Secondary Studies, Mr. McCutcheon and the Deputy Principal, Mrs. Kim Costa.

Many thanks to two of last year's Year 12 students, Brittany Paki and Ashleigh Taylor, who shared their personal experiences by explaining their pathways into University and who capably answered questions. Their contributions were very much appreciated by everyone.

## Courses

Every student who does a course from 1st January this Year must register for a **Unique Student Identifier Number (USI No.)**. This applies to all courses, including the White Card, RSA, RCG, TAFE and Private Training organisation courses. Registration is only done once and then the **number must be quoted on all future course applications. The students have to bring in their Birth Certificate or their Medicare Card to register** on line.

On 5th June a Workplace Health and Safety White Card Construction Induction Course was held at school and the next one is booked in for the **14th August**. This is compulsory for all Year 10 students who want to do Work Experience in the Construction Industry.

RSA and RCG Courses have been booked for Year 12 to do after their Trial HSC Exams. **The fees for these courses must be paid by the end of this Term.**

**Susanne Thompson**  
**Careers Adviser**

## YEAR 12 CONSTRUCTION:

The boys in Year 12 Construction have been involved in building learning platforms at Toukley Public School.

As part of their course they have been engaged in the construction of seven "Mini Decks". The decks are to be used as a part of an Outdoor Learning Environment being set up by Ms Binnie.

The students cut the material to size at Gorokan High School which was then transported to Toukley Public School. The primary school students, with their Teacher Ms Binnie, painted the timber a variety of bright colours. The Construction boys then went to the school for two days and assembled the structures.

This was a great opportunity for the boys to practise their Trade Skills and build structures that can be used by the Primary School. Their attitude and application to the completion of the task was outstanding.



Year 12 Construction Class "Mini Decks"

**Ian McCutcheon**  
**TAS**

## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY LINKS TEAM:

The Strengthening Community Links Team would like to thank all the Parents and fellow Teachers who attended Monday's Focus Group Sessions about our school. Your time and the contributions given will be used to enhance the way we operate

as a school and improve our educational and communication practices.

**Brie Sharp**  
**English Faculty**

## FOOTWEAR GUIDELINES FOR GOROKAN HIGH SCHOOL:

**The following footwear guidelines have been implemented as part of the uniform policy at Gorokan High School.**

The Department, through its WHS Policy, is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for all employees, others undertaking work, students and visitors, in accordance with statutory and regulatory obligations and corporate objectives.

Footwear is an important safety item. Good soles provide a sound grip on the floor preventing accidents such as slips, trips and falls from occurring. Footwear can also protect feet from damage caused by accidents such as falling objects or chemical spillages.

These guidelines have been developed to assist NSW government schools in providing a safe working and learning environment. Schools which already have risk management controls in place in relation to footwear should refer to these guidelines when reviewing and evaluating those controls.

### Areas where safe footwear must be worn

In accordance with the Safe Working Policy, the Department has identified areas of its workplaces where appropriate footwear must be worn by employees, students and visitors to ensure their safety.

Areas where enclosed leather footwear (or other material confirmed by the manufacturer to be suitable, refer to Australian/NZ Standard 2210: Safety Protective and Occupational Footwear) is required are:

- Industrial Arts and trades workshop areas
- Science laboratories
- Canteen or Food Technology (kitchen areas)

*Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes are not permitted in these areas.* If students present for a class or activity with inappropriate footwear the student should be offered alternative educational activities until they are wearing appropriate footwear.

## SUPPORT UNIT:

### Stewart House

A group of boys travelled to Sydney recently to enjoy 4 days of fun at Stewart House. Mr Glasson and Mrs Smith accompanied the boys and are happy to report that the boys were excellent ambassadors for Gorokan High School. They got to enjoy a walk across the Harbour Bridge at night as well as a ferry ride from Manly to Circular Quay. Another day was spent at Taronga Zoo and the Sydney Aquatic Centre. It was a memorable trip

for everyone supported by public donations and Department of Education staff contributions.

## Work Experience

Three boys from our Unit are currently doing work experience at Bunnings Lake Haven. Dane, Dane and Nicky are learning great skills to prepare them for life after school and are enjoying themselves. A huge thank you to Bunnings Lake Haven for the opportunity.

## MC News

We are very proud of Dane Boyd who delivered one of the speeches at Toukley RSL for ANZAC Day as part of his role as Vice-Captain of GHS. It was a huge responsibility for Dane as it was the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing meaning the crowds were much bigger than normal. Dane rose to the occasion, spoke confidently and received excellent feedback for his efforts.

## Garden Update

The Support Unit has been lucky enough to receive a grant to establish a Food Garden in our area. The MC Class have been learning about constructing garden beds and growing vegetables. We are hoping to grow vegetables to incorporate in our Life Skills Cooking Classes and to sell to the Canteen and Food Tech Kitchen.

## IM News

The IM Class has been participating successfully with our GYM Program with the YMCA, who we have a proud partnership with. Our students have shown what excellent skills they have within their chosen electives, especially in their cooking class, with Mrs Douglas and Mrs Cabique, producing some great tasting food.

We are working hard on creating some great activities to present for our NAIDOC Display and we are looking forward to attending our long awaited Luna Park excursion.

## NSW TEACHER OF THE YEAR:

### A LITTLE ABOUT US

We are running a Competition to find the Best High School Teachers in NSW to be part of an exciting new project that will change the face of teaching resources.

### WHY THIS IS A POSITIVE ACTIVITY FOR YOUR SCHOOL

It gives your students and their parents the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of your School's Teachers. Your school may even be mentioned on our Facebook page during the Nomination Period if one of your Teachers receives a nomination. Make sure your school is well represented by advertising this competition to the people who can nominate. Think of the positive news stories that can be generated from your School's Teachers being nominated or even winning the title of NSW Teacher of the Year!

## More information

Can be found on our website: <http://www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au/> or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nswteacheroftheyear>

**Regards,**

**THE TEAM AT NSW TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

NSW TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2015

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We are searching for NSW's best high school teachers to be part of an exciting new project that will change the face of teaching resources.

To nominate your teacher fill out the entry form at [www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au](http://www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au) and answer in 100 words or less why you believe your teacher should win the title of NSW Teacher of the Year.

Competition closes: Friday 19 June 2015 at 23:59 AEST. Our ABN: 261 939 077 91. Full terms and conditions can be found at [www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au/competition-its](http://www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au/competition-its)

## LETTERS: ANZAC DAY SERVICE

President: Bob Wilson  
Hon Treasurer: Milton Porter  
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Patron: Karen McNamara MP

1 May 2015

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Deputy Principal  
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Dear Marie

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On behalf of the Toukley RSL Sub-Branch Committee and Members, I would like to thank you for Gorokan High School's attendance at our Commemoration of ANZAC Day Service and march this year. It is an honour to have so many representatives from your school attends our Anzac Service each year. Your Vice Captains and Captains who spoke at our service did themselves and your school proud.

We also take this opportunity to thank Gorokan High School for allowing Toukley RSL Sub-Branch to be part of your school's ANZAC Service and dedication.

Yours faithfully

**Bob Wilson**  
**President**  
**Toukley RSL Sub Branch**

Gorokan High School  
Goobarabah Road  
GOROKAN NSW 2263  
5TH May 2015

**To Whom It May Concern**  
**RE: Anzac Day Services at Toukley 2015**

I realize this is probably a week past due, however I just wanted to write a letter to acknowledge the efforts of both the School Captains Ellie Brown and Jeremy Spalding and Vice Captains Emma Griffiths and Dane Boyd at this Year's Anzac Services at the Cenotaph at Toukley RSL.

I did send in photos to the school's Facebook page via a message, but really wanted to express how I felt in writing. I was in attendance at both the Dawn Service and the Service following the Anzac Day March.

I would like to say how impressed I was by the conduct of the students and their addresses.

Gorokan High School's senior students did themselves, their school and the Local Community proud.

Each of the speeches were extremely well written and researched, factually interesting and all were delivered with great expression and a quiet confidence to an enormous mass of people on a special day in our nation's history.

Special congratulations really must go out to Dane Boyd. I do not know Dane, have never met him before, but just listening to this young man deliver his address, it was quite clear it was a task he took incredibly seriously, Dane had well-rehearsed conveying his dialogue and he rose to the occasion splendidly. A mighty fine effort indeed.

A heart felt thank you to these students, and their parents, for giving up their time to participate in Anzac Day this year. I wish them all the very best for their futures.

**Yours faithfully**  
**Kylie Wenham**



GOROKAN HIGH SCHOOL WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SPORTS PRESENTATION DINNER AT WYONG LEAGUES CLUB ON THE 16TH NOVEMBER 2015. THE SPORT DINNER WILL CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS SPORTING SUCCESS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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.



**Annual Sports Presentation Dinner**

Gorokan High School will celebrate the achievements of students sporting success throughout the year. The evening will consist of:

- Presentation of over 100 Sporting Awards
- Dinner
- Performances/Entertainment
- Guest Speaker



**Application Process**  
 Students need to collect a **NOMINATION FORM** from the PDHPE Staffroom or the GHS Website from Term 3. Forms need to be returned by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015**, (No forms to be accepted after this date)  
 Students will receive a Formal Invitation if they are successful with their nomination.

For more info see:  
 ➤ Mrs Goldie  
 ➤ Miss Spencer  
 ➤ Mr Glachan  
 ➤ Mr Anderson

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## BREAKFAST CLUB

FREE healthy breakfast is now available for local school children, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6.30am to 8am at YMCA Lake Haven. Kickstart your day with a nutritious meal and some fun activities at your local Y.

Lake Haven Recreation Centre  
Goobarabah Ave Gorokan  
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www.ymcansw.org.au/lakehaven



## TEEN GYM ACCESS

This fitness membership comes with freedom from structured classes, making it a great option for teens aged 11 to 15. You can work at your own pace towards your own goals, while still having access to the social and supportive Y environment for motivation and encouragement.

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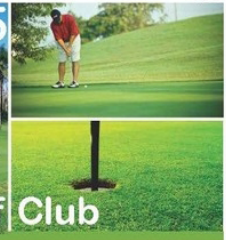


## Golf Day 2015

Friday July 3rd

7:15am - 2:00pm

Shelly Beach Golf Club



Come and join us in this perfect opportunity to mix business with pleasure, supporting one of the Central Coast's most unique and vital education facilities while enjoying time on the region's premier golf course!

Form your own team (teams will be made up of four golfers) or if you don't have four players, we will be happy to include you, or your group, in a team.

Individual Places: \$75 per person

Team of Four: \$290 per team

### Ambrose Team Competition & Individual Prizes

☀ Nearest the Pin ☀ Longest Drive

#### Entry Includes:

- 7:00am Registration
- 7:15am BBQ breakfast
- 7:45am shotgun start for 18 holes at Shelly Beach Golf Course
- Green fees

- 1:00pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Award Presentation & Charity raffle
- Fantastic networking opportunities



#### Sponsorship Opportunities

A number of opportunities exist for organisations and individuals who wish to promote themselves and their support through financial sponsorship of the event. NGLC is a Registered Deductible Gift Recipient. Sponsorship levels are available to suit all goals and budgets.

For more information please contact  
Daniel Hayes on tel: (02) 4323 2800 mobile: 0409 839 092 or Dom Duffy on 0447 984 236

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