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23 March 2017

## Principal's Report

### Welcome

To our new permanent members of staff.

Mr Peter Hellier (English)  
Mrs Karen Bellamy (Head Teacher Maths)  
To start Term 2

We also have a number of new and continuing temporary staff in the school for the year. Welcome to Ben Glachan (PDHPE), Dane Fearnley (Science), Emily Hennessey (PDHPE), Sam Underwood (PDHPE/ARC), Brendan Quigg (Special Ed/ARC), Matt Pascoe (Core) Annette McGown (Art), Luke McCulloch (English), and Megan Hawkins (Maths) some of whom are relatively new to our school and are in on temporary blocks for the year.

### Congratulations Staff

Erin Manu Relieving Head Teacher Welfare  
Kat Hand Relieving Head Teacher Teaching and Learning  
Mr Matt Pascoe who has been appointed year 7 Adviser for 2018.

### Year Advisers

*Year 7 Mr Daniel Jonovski*  
*Year 8 Miss Jess Eve (Samson Underwood while Jess is on Maternity Leave later this year)*  
*Year 9 Mr Jeff Costa*  
*Year 10 Mrs Lauren Goldie*  
*Year 11 Mr Ben Glachan*  
*Year 12 Mr Andrew Sawatske*

### Late to School / Class

Gorokan High School starts at 8.25am. 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.

### Uniform

Students are required to wear full school uniform at all times. This is a requirement for the safety of our students so they are easily identifiable on our school grounds and in our community. Please ensure if your child is unable to wear uniform for any reason that they have a note explaining why.

With the cold weather approaching it is important to get your school jumpers now.

### Cyber Safety / Awareness

Please ensure your children are safe on line by using the appropriate filters and supervision on your home internet. It is all too easy for our kids to unwittingly get caught up giving out personal information over the internet. Simple things like 'tagging' and 'checking in' via Facebook can give undesirables their current location potentially putting them at risk of harm.

### Car park Safety

Parents and carers are asked not to use the car park as a drop off or pick up area for students. Please use the designated pick up and drop off areas provided. There is a pedestrian crossing for students to use which is a safe place for everyone to cross the road.

### Congratulations Students

Angus Mingare, our 2016 Dux, achieved an ATAR of 99.65, has also won the NSW Educations Standards Authority 'Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize' for his outstanding achievement. Angus will receive the award at NSW Parliament House in late March.

33 students from Gorokan High School's 2016 cohort received offers for University Placement in 2017. This is an outstanding achievement and one we are very proud of.

## Good Luck

To year 12 who are completing their half yearly exams over the next couple of weeks, and to year 11 who are completing their exams early next term.

## Thank you

To parents and caregivers who have paid their subject contribution fees.

All staff for their hard work during first term.

**Sam Ricketts**  
(Principal)

## Technological & Applied Studies News

### STUDENTS WORKING IN THE TAS FACULTY HAVE TO FOLLOW SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

TAS  
Time

Please read the following information for your child to fulfil the practical component requirements of a course:

#### UNIFORM

The school follows the Department of Education with the safety policy of leather shoes having a solid sole and firm upper. Students who wear joggers, open sandals or sandshoes will be involved in developing skills in other areas of the course and will not take part in practical lessons.

#### CONSUMABLE COSTS

The school requires consumable cost payment for the purchase and preparation of the materials your child may undergo in their practical classes. I would like to stress the importance of the consumable cost to the maintenance of the educational provisions for your child. Should parents / caregivers require financial support for the consumable cost they should contact the head teacher for support from the student assistance scheme.

#### TECHNOLOGY IN FOCUS

I would like to showcase some of our courses:

##### Year 7 Design & Technology: Theme Park Souvenir

Year 7 Design and Technology students have been designing aspects for the theme park. They were required to research recreational parks and were given a design brief to follow the design process. Some of the student's brief was to design and construct a souvenir. These are tea light souvenir candles; something you could take home from a theme park and enjoy for some time. No doubt the families will be enjoying this one.

##### Year 7 Design & Technology: Crazy Patchwork Pillowcases

A group of Year 7 Design and Technology students have been working hard to create some amazing designs to their

patchwork pillowcases. Ms Boughey, their teacher, explained to them the importance of the design elements in creating a well-designed product. With great design flair they completed their task; and what it looks like, they had a fun time as well.



#### Presentation to Teagan Murray

Our Textile and Design student completed her HSC in 2016 and was awarded a prestigious honour for her textile garment to be exhibited in Sydney. The Department of Education presentation was made to Teagan by Mr Mark Tyler, the Technology Inspector. Teagan was in good company with only thirty other award recipients at the opening of the Texstyle Exhibition in Sydney. Professionals at the awards acknowledged the quality of Teagan's work. This augur well for her future in a textiles-based design profession. With her award, goes our congratulations on her ability; back at Gorokan, with teacher Ms Sheahan, where it all started.



This term has been very productive for all classes in TAS.

**Russell Trimmer**  
Head Teacher TAS

by Mr T.

#### A new straw design not passing the test.

As part of a one-off promotion, McDonalds debuted a highly engineered, hyper-exclusive straw dubbed the "Suction Tube for Reverse Axial Withdrawal," or STRAW for short. Only 2,000 of them were available, however, I was able to trial one. Spearheaded by an aerospace engineering company, the straw uses a novel J-shape with five inlet ports: four on the shorter leg and a fifth



Design  
Daze

located at the bottom bend. When properly dipped into a shake, the ports will pull in equal proportion. Once the level of shake gets low enough, the exposed inlet ports will begin drawing air faster than the bottom hole can suck in shake, which makes drinking the last bits quite challenging. It strikes me as far more marketing tool than eating utensil and I have gone back to a standard straw after the one experience.

<https://www.engadget.com/2017/02/15/mcdonalds-re-engineered-drinking-straws/>

## CAPA News

### Rock Around the Block



It's time to save the date! Next term, during Week 7, Gorokan High School will proudly present a one act show called "Rock Around the Block".

The show is set in the 1950's, and features the amazing talents of our students from years 7-11. There will be lots of dancing, singing, acting and laughs throughout the show. Rehearsals have been underway since the beginning of the year and the cast is busy preparing an entertainment extravaganza for you all.

More information on show times and ticket prices will be sent out early next term. Be sure to mark it in your calendar, and save the dates from Monday June 5 to Friday June 9.

See you there!

**Julia Harvey-Trappel**  
**Head Teacher CAPA**

## English/Drama News

This year the budding drama students travelled to Sydney to view the best of 2016's performances, design projects.

While the trains and the heat were against us, the students were gobsmacked by the amazing quality and emotional content created by past HSC students. Georgia Lomas commented "This is always such a rewarding day and it helps me understand the demands of a Drama student."

The films displayed allowed our students to experience the quality needed in editing and sound. Shanese Paki commented "the appropriated content from The Wizard of Oz was clever, but the way the Director used the conventions of horror was amazing".

The year 11 students are excited to begin composing their own performances and individual projects.

**Brie Sharp**  
**Drama Teacher**



## Core News

Year 7 have settled well into high school this year.

I would like to reinforce our expectations of the students:

Remember to bring all equipment to class each lesson, including;

*Work book*  
*Pencil Case*  
*Diary*  
*Readers*

In Science Mr Pascoe and Mr Dreincourt have been working on the Food science and production unit of work.

The teachers have been very happy with the quality of assignments on Branches of Science.

HSIE: Mr Dreincourt's class has been working on the Investigation of Pompeii, Mount Vesuvius and the Tollund man. The class will be moving on to a new unit of work soon on Egypt with an associated class assignment.

English: classes have been working on getting to know class members, involving skills in interviews and speaking. Year 7 will have an Assessment Task on an admirable person which includes a 3- 4minute speech on their research.

French: Ms Howard commented: "the students are enjoying French and are able to hold a small conversation using words and numbers".

**Ian McCutcheon**  
**Head Teacher Secondary Studies & Core**

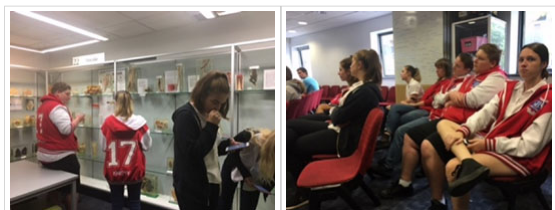
## Science News

### Excursion to the Museum of Human Disease

On Wednesday March 1, Year 12 Senior Science visited the Museum of Human Disease at the University of NSW. This excursion ties in with our current topic of medical technology and bionics. The students were given a talk about illness that is appropriate to their age group. They were then given access to the museum, completing questions about various body parts that were situated in bays around the room. This provides an opportunity for us to be able to see real examples of the technologies that we have been learning about in the classroom. The idea that it would be gross was soon dismissed and the students enjoyed the experience provided to them.



Our students are to be commended on their behaviour and representation of our school on the day.



## Library News

### Library Hours for 2017

8am each day

Recess each day except Friday week B

Lunch each day but **CLOSED** for the first 10 minutes to allow students to eat.

We are sometimes closed for exams or meetings and a sign will be put in the front window to let students know we are closed.

### Borrowing

Years 7 – 10 may borrow 2 fiction and 2 non-fiction books

Years 11 – 12 may borrow 6 fiction and 6 nonfiction books plus textbooks that are required for course work.

Most books can be borrowed for 2 weeks and can be renewed if required. Books can be returned between 8am and 2.35pm.

Students with overdue books will be unable to borrow until the overdue books are returned. If library books are lost please let us know so we can arrange payment.

### Library Rules

Bags are not permitted in the library they need to be placed on the hooks in the foyer. Food and drink are also not permitted in the library.

### World Book Online

GHS now subscribes to World Book online. It is very much like the World Book Encyclopaedia except digital. It is user friendly and is suitable for all high school age groups.

The World Book Web includes several reference sites that feature:

A vast collection of primary source documents, thousands of editor-selected Web sites, research tools, including a timeline

and citation builder, current magazine and newspaper selections

Students can make individual accounts to save their research, for future use.

<http://www.worldbookonline.com>

See library staff for LOG-IN and PASSWORD.

## OTHER SERVICES

### Printing

Printing for assignments is available in black and white for 10c and colour for 30c and photocopying is also available for the same prices. Or you can email your work to Ms. Powell at [samantha.powell@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:samantha.powell@det.nsw.edu.au) and she will print it for you.

### Timetables

Students can also have their timetable reprinted at recess and lunch for 50c.

### SSS – Supported Senior Study

2.30pm – 4.15pm in the Library each Monday and Wednesday

It is a place for quiet study, with teacher supervision and access to computers and resources and light refreshments for attendees.

**Ms Powell**

**Teacher Librarian**

## Gifted and Talented Students Unit News

We welcome all of our students to this new school year.

This term the new students in year 7 A stream classes are learning to be organised across subjects and around the school. Many of the students are still a little bit lost but teachers are helping them to overcome the normal obstacles that the beginning of high school brings to them.

On the 22nd February **parents** from the selective and A stream classes in Year 7 attended a meeting with Dr Rudmann, Mr Jonovski (Year 7 Adviser) and Mrs Costa (Year 7 Deputy Principal) to discuss how gifted students learn and cope with social interactions in high school. The workshop was very successful. Parents were sharing their concerns about the educational and social lives of their children at GHS and the night finished with very positive outcomes for them. Thank you for attending and keep in touch with the school.

At the end of this term (28th March) the **Academic Olympics for year 5 and 6** coming from our local primary schools is planned. The Stage 3 Academic Olympics will be a friendly, fun, academic competition with challenging activities in the areas of English, Maths, STEM and Creativity. We are looking forward for the enthusiastic participation of our primary school.

The **Selective School Test Year 7 Entry 2018** was on 9th March. This test is organised by the Primary Schools and the Selective Schools Unit. Gorokan High does not have any input in this. Good luck to all the participants!

Finally, the **ICAS Maths, Science and English competitions** from the University of New South Wales are coming next term.

Notes to register in those competitions were handed out in class and **payments are due 30th March**. If you need the registration note, see Dr Rudmann at the science staff room.

The dates and costs of the UNSW-ICAS competitions are as follow

If you as a parent have any concern about academic issues in your child's selective class, please contact the GATS unit by phone 02 4393 7000 or by email [silvia.rudmann@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:silvia.rudmann@det.nsw.edu.au), keeping in touch with the school will enhance your child's learning.

**Sylvia Rudman**  
**GATS**

## Sport News

### SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to NORAH for taking out the GHS 2017 swimming carnival. Age Champions are as follows:

12 Years	T Barnsley & C Visser
13 Years	C Montgomery & M Stottelaar
14 Years	M Taylor & H Wetherall
15 Years	P Stottelaar & J Kable
16 Years	T Wagstaff & J Doran
17 + Years	T Robb & C Pora



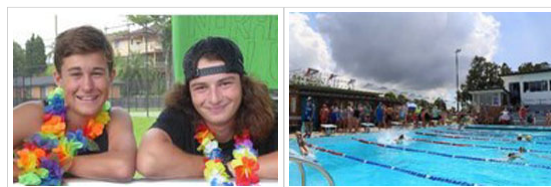
### ZONE SWIMMING

A team of 42 students represented GHS at the Tuggerah Lakes Zone Swimming Carnival.

GHS placed third overall as a team, behind Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College and Terrigal High School.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the Zone team to compete at the Sydney North Swimming Championships:

Mason Stottelaar  
Caitlin Montgomery  
Jarrod Doran



### SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

GHS Athletics Carnival will be held on 22nd March at Mingara. The following events are to be held at school early next term: 1500m and Javelin. Keep an eye out for the notices.



Age Champions to be announced after the completion of those events, as well as House Champion.

### COMING UP

**GHS Cross Country**

11th of May – at school

**Zone Athletics**

28th of June – at Mingara



**Mr Joel Anderson & Mrs Lisa Ricketts**  
**Sport Organisers**

### YEAR 7 Rugby 7's

On Friday 10th of March, the Year 7 Rugby 7's team competed in the Jesse Parahi Knockout Competition.

It was a wonderful day enjoyed by both students and teachers and for many of the boys, it was their first experience playing rugby. It was great to see them learn the game and develop their skills throughout the day. The boys first game was against Tumbi Umbi in which the boys went down in a close game. In their second game, the boys were outclassed by an experienced St Edwards side. The boys got better as the day progressed and drew their final game against Tumbi Umbi 2 all.

Unfortunately the boys did not progress through to the finals however, they can be very proud of the way they competed and represented Gorokan High School both on and off the field.

**Sam Underwood**



### Career Lessons in 2017

Year 10 classes are currently doing Job Research, which they must work on at home now. At the start of term 2 we will start the process for looking at subjects and study pathways for year 11 and 12, ready for subject selection interviews.

Year 9 classes will be doing resume writing later in the year

### Workplace Health and Safety Whitecard Course

This course is compulsory for students who want to do Work Experience in any area of the Construction Industry. The Department of Education has instructed that we are not to accept any 'on-line-course' Whitecards.

I have booked the trainer to run a course each term. The next course will be run on Wednesday 24th May and students can get a permission slip from the Careers Office and pay their \$89, which is the student discount price, at the office now.

### Senior students

It is important the students start to do their Career Pathway investigation early so they can consider the variety of options that are now available to them.

Year 11 and 12 students can access the Careers Resource Centre during their Study periods, if it is a time when Ms Thompson is in the Office. The Centre is located between the Careers Room and the Careers Office.

Speakers have been booked from The Defence Force, Apprenticeship Centre, University of Newcastle and TAFE. Closer to the dates these will be advertised to the students, so they can get up-dated information about future study and career pathways.

### Year 12 - Advanced Notice

On the night of Wednesday 14th June, I will be holding a **U Need Information** Session for year 12 students and their parents. As part of this session I invite former students to talk about their experiences of applying for and attending University. Further details will be issued closer to the date.

### Changes to the Process for Tax File Number Applications

Three years ago the ATO changed the process for getting a Tax File Number. Applications can no longer be processed through the school.

Students must now go online to the ATO to print the application forms, complete them, make an appointment at the Post Office and take their original documents for proof of identity, to have them checked and verified.

By applying early for a Tax File Number they are prepared in advance for looking for casual employment, needing to register with Centrelink or enrol for University when the time comes.

### Certification of Photocopied Documents

I am a Justice of the Peace and as such I am:

- authorised to certify photocopies of documents as long as I sight the original and verify that it is an exact copy.
- able to witness signatures on official documents, such as Statutory Declarations. To do this, I must have known the person for 12 months or sight some Photo Identification which I must document on the form.

This services are offered free of charge by all Justices of the Peace.

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

## Student Council News

The Student Council has been off to a busy start with our first meeting taking place on the 14th of February. Liutu and Tayla who are our Senior Student Council Presidents have done a fantastic job chairing the meetings where we have welcomed our newly nominated members Gurnoor, Sally, Isabella, Seth, Callum and Amelia and commenced planning this year's events. Our Student Council Presidents Liutu and Tayla and our Student Council Executive Ellie and Liz have already had their first meeting with Deputy Principal Mrs Grant where they were able to pass on to GHS Senior Executive some of their plans for 2017. It is going to be a busy year.

### Harmony Day

The Student Council are busy with their Harmony Day planning. They have broken into year groups and selected cultures they would like to celebrate through a feast during lunch on Tuesday the 21st of March. All students and staff are invited to wear an orange shirt on the day and purchase their lunch from one of our stalls. Some may go for the great "Aussie" BBQ or maybe some Italian pizza and pasta might be more their style, a visit to the French patisserie or a taste of some Asian cuisine or for those fancying a siesta at lunch perhaps Mexican is more appealing. We look forward to it being an extremely harmonious day.



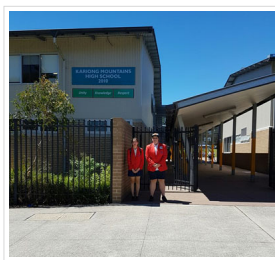
### Student Voice

On Monday 20th of February our School Captain Emily and School Vice Captain Morgan attended The Central Coast Learning Alliance's Student Voice event for Term 1 hosted by Kariong Mountains High School. It was a fantastic day where the students were able to network with leaders from 14 other Central Coast schools. They participated in leadership planning activities and heard from guest speakers about the benefits of volunteering. In the afternoon the school groups were able to work with their teachers to plan for something they would like to implement back at their school. Emily and Morgan had some fantastic ideas, we can't wait to see them put into action.



Check our noticeboard and the GHS Facebook page regularly to stay up to date with what's on at GHS.

**Erin Osborne**  
**LAST 2/Student Council**



## Department of Education

### Tell Them from Me student feedback survey - (Term 1, 2017)

Gorokan High School is delighted that this term, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: *The Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **24/3/2017**.

Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

## Community News

### School Drive Subsidy

#### NSW Government – Transport for NSW

If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit:

<http://transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive>

### Can't get online?

Ask about the School Drive Subsidy at your school, or call 131 500.

**Bringing Up Great Kids**

- What do children need to grow up healthy and happy?
- Do you want to understand your children better?
- Are the ways you were parented influencing your parenting decisions?
- Understand Children's Brain Development.
- We'll explore these issues and more.
- This program uses mindfulness techniques to lower your stress levels and increase your confidence as a parent.

This Program runs for 6 weeks for 2 hours sessions  
with childcare available

**When:** May 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, June 5th, 19th  
**Where:** Gorokan SaCC, Gorokan Primary School  
**Time:** 12.30-2.30pm  
**Cost:** Free

All Enquiries and to register please phone Lorraine on 0418 424 669





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Expression of Interest to Perform at the

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Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

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