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Principal's Report

It has been a very busy start to Semester 2, with some excellent opportunities for students. There has been a large number of excursions across all key learning areas, Year 6 students have been attending their 'taster' days so they gain an understanding of how High School works. Year 12 have completed their Trial HSC exams and Year 11 are working toward completing their Preliminary year. In sport we have had a number of outstanding achievements with our Girls Under 16 Rugby League team playing in the State Finals once again this year.

Secondary Schools Renewal Project

Our new administration block has been completed and is in use. The building has been completed on time and is extremely well presented. The new Bus Bay area is also excellent with a modern look and creates a safe and dry place for our students to wait for the bus each afternoon.

There is still some work going on in the old Administration building to finalise the changes being made but the new Learning Support Hub has opened and is running well.

Thank you to our P and C and AECG who were very supportive throughout the design and building phases of the project attending many meetings before and after school to help make this happen.

Department of Education Behaviour Code for Students

I have once again attached to this newsletter the Department of Education Behaviour Code for students. It clearly outlines what the expectations are for students when attending school. I have pointed out a few of the main issues for us below.

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.

Cyber / Mobile device Safety

Students and parents are reminded that information, pictures and videos they post on the internet and send via text message and apps like 'snap chat' must be free from any inappropriate material. Sending provocative or sexually explicit photos of minors is an offence. It does not matter if you have the person's permission or even if that person is yourself.

Congratulations

Mr Andrew Collins who has been successful in gaining a position as Relieving Deputy Principal at Lisarow High School. Although we are unsure of the complete duration of this position we envisage the position will extend into 2019 and possibly beyond. Andrew has done a fantastic job as Head Teacher PDHPE and as Relieving Deputy Principal over the past 7 years and will be truly missed by both staff and students alike.

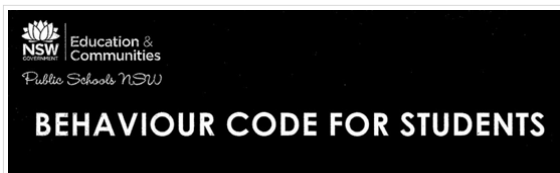
Mr Joel Anderson will relieve as Head Teacher PDHPE for the remainder of 2017.

Thank you

Mrs Shanie Singleton who worked as Relieving Principal for the first 5 weeks of this term during my leave. Also, to Mr Collins, and Mr Anderson who relieved as DP and Head Teacher PDHPE respectively. You all did a fantastic job and I really appreciate your effort.

Once again to our staff who are always going above and beyond to support our students and their interests both in the classroom and with extra-curricular activities. All the extra-curricular opportunities our students get would not be possible without the support of all our teachers.

Sam Ricketts
(Principal)



NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- **Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members**
- **Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers**
- **Strive for the highest standards in learning**
- **Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members**
- **Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly**
- **Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code**
- **Attend school every day (unless legally excused)**
- **Respect all property**
- **Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools**
- **Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools**

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

WELFARE

Pathways to Wellbeing at GHS

Year Advisor Reports – August 2017

Year 7 – Mr D Jonovski

Hello GHS Year 7 Family,

Firstly, I would just like to say thank-you to all the students, parents and carers for an enjoyable 2017 thus far; we have already made so many long lasting memories. Term 2 saw us venture on our first school camp as a cohort to the Great Aussie Bush Camp, where many of you pushed yourselves to your limit, and overcame many obstacles.



During Week 8 of Term 2, we had our first official Semester 1 Awards ceremony, which saw many students attain awards for Exemplary Attendance and Bronze/Silver Awards. Congratulations go to Harry Chamma, Lilley Hayes, Gabriel Thomson, Isabella Powell, and Amelia Carty for all receiving the first Year Advisor Awards. Special thanks to Harry Chamma for being our student representative speaker, who did an exceptional job.

Most recently, we had Caitlin Montgomery represent the Central Coast in swimming at the Regional Swimming Finals, congratulations Caitlin. If you, or anybody you know is doing amazing things outside of the school, please come and let me know, as I would love to hear what we are all accomplishing.

Reminder: Make sure you are collecting your ROSS Awards and taking them to the library to ensure you receive the appropriate awards and be eligible for the Yearly Rewards Excursion.

I hope we all have an excellent end to Term 3, make sure we continue to respect all within the G.H.S Community and be kind to one another.

Daniel Jonovski
Year 7 Advisor

Year 8 – Mr S Underwood

Year 8 is a wonderful cohort, full of enthusiastic students who have been extremely busy in Term 3. Students have diligently applied themselves both inside and outside of the classroom and are striving towards success across all Key Learning Areas in Semester 2.

We have had many students involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities within the school and the community throughout the opening five weeks of the term. Students were central to the successful facilitation of the Premier Sporting Challenge held at Harry Moore Oval. Several of our students participated in the recent Taster Days' held at GHS during Week 6. 8P had a fantastic time during their recent excursion to Taronga Zoo in which they competed in the Wild Science Race. The Year 8 boys and girls Oz Tag teams competed in the Central Coast Oz Tag Tournament with the boys making the semi-finals and the girls unlucky to miss out. A big thank you and congratulations goes out to all the students involved. They can be very proud of their efforts and should be commended for how they represented GHS during these events.

In other news, Year 8 recently received information regarding the 2019 Year 10 Central Australia Trip. It is an excellent opportunity for students to experience the wonders Australia has to offer, during a three-week road trip. Students travel via bus from Gorokan to Darwin, stopping at locations such as Broken Hill, Alice Springs and Uluru on the way.

It will be a priceless experience that GHS is thrilled to offer to students. It has been a great start to Semester 2 for Year 8. Let's keep it going.

Warm regards,

Samson Underwood
Year 8 Advisor

Year 9 – Mr J Costa

Gold Coast Excursion Update

The Gold Coast Camp is fast approaching. A reminder of the dates for the camp – November 27th to December 1st. This is always a great opportunity for students to get away and have some fun to finish off their Year 9 experience. Students need to ensure that their payments are up to date or see their Year Advisor. At the moment the camp is full (50 students) with a substantial waiting list so all students currently attending need to make sure they keep their attendance up and follow all school rules.

Central Australia Trip – 2018

The excitement is growing amongst the students attending this trip. All accommodation has been booked and final tours and other activities are being finalised. Please keep making those payments and once the last of the chocolates are in we will get on to our next fundraising event. The trip is now being sold to the current Year 7 and 8 year groups.

Science Festival – Australian Museum

On Tuesday 15th August a group of Year 9 students visited the Australian Museum. They had a chat with Doctor Carl talking about the future of science relating to genetics, 3D printing and space travel. Students then interacted in the expo with science organisations from around the world. They learned about the most current research relating to disease technology. Students had a great time learning the ins and outs of science.

Marine Studies

It's been a busy year so far for Year 9 in Marine Studies with lots of exciting activities and adventures on the water. Students participated in snorkelling at Cabbage Tree Bay, a field study at Norah Head Lighthouse, some students have achieved their boat license accreditation. We recently went whale watching at Port Stephens where students has a whale of a time. Looking forwards to more fun adventures for the rest of the year.

100% Attendance.

The following students need to be recognised for their amazing attendance throughout this year. A great effort to attend school every day. Well done.

Charlotte Beaven
Shianah Capper
Paige Howie
Jonty Lee
Alexander Rettenmund

Jeff Costa
Year 9 Advisor

Year 11 –Mr B Glachan

Year 11 is coming to a close as all students will be completing final exams in the last two weeks of term 3. The students will then come back in term 4 as Year 12 students. Many of the

Year 11 students have purchased the Year 12 jumpers and are wearing them around with pride which is a fantastic look for the school.

Recently, Year 11 ventured on the "Snow excursion" to Perisher. All students conducted themselves in a fantastic way with positive comments coming from ski instructors and the accommodation owners in relation to their positive attitudes and "delightful" manners. Congratulations to all students and from all accounts everyone had a fantastic time. A special mention to Mrs Shanie Singleton, Mrs Lauren Goldie and Mr Joel Anderson who took time out of their busy lives to join myself and the group on a fantastic excursion.

Also coming up for Year 11 is the opportunity to become a school captain for Term 4 2017 and Terms 1-3 2018. A process has been implemented this year with 24 students applying for the opportunity. Students will be required to submit an "Expression of Interest" for the leadership role as well as sitting a formal interview and presenting speeches to peers and in front of all school staff. Good luck to all applicants!

It has been a busy couple of months for year 11 and it is winding down but I would like to take the moment to congratulate all students on continuing to grow and develop as senior students. The Year 11 cohort are a great bunch of role models for our younger students and must continue to exemplify the GHS core 4 at all times. This includes wearing school uniform.

Ben Glachan
Year 11 Advisor

WELLBEING AT GHS

General Attendance at Gorokan High School

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

Being sick or having an infectious disease
Having an unavoidable medical appointment
Being required to attend a recognized religious holiday
Exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

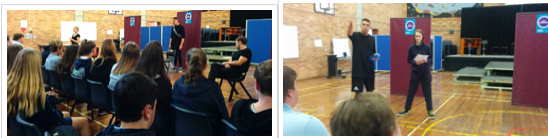
Student Assistance Scheme

If you are struggling financially, please make contact with Ms. Manu to discuss your personal situation.

English News

Year 10 English Macbeth Performance

To support their study of Shakespeare's Macbeth, Year 10 were invited to a dynamic performance of key scenes in the play. It was a high energy production and the students were thoroughly engaged by the performers. It was fantastic to see some brave volunteers get up and participate in some of the scenes. A huge thank you to Mr Ricketts for agreeing to fund this event for our students.



Leonie Taylor
Head Teacher English

HSIE

The Australian History and Geography Competition

Earlier this year, Year 7 and Year 9 students participated in the Australian Geography Competition and the Australian History Competition. In total, almost 100 students entered the competitions where they were required to test their topographic mapping, general citizenship and their source analysis skills. Many fine results were achieved and students will be recognised at an assembly in Term 4. However, a special mention must go to Year 7 student Toby Dowdell. Toby achieved a High Distinction in the Geography Competition which placed him in the Top 2% of students in Australia. What an awesome effort. Well done Toby.



YEAR 12 Aboriginal Studies

Year 12 Aboriginal Studies have been studying the Australian Aboriginal community - the Biripi of Purfleet, in regard to health, education and land. On 8th September we will be visiting the community, where the students will gain invaluable insight to help them with their preparation for the HSC Examination. We will visit the Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre, The Biripi/Taree Local Aboriginal Land Council and Saltwater National Park. Each year local Aboriginal community members are very accommodating and all involved have a great day.



Photos from last year's excursion

All students completed their Major Projects and I'd like to give a special mention to Emily Bagot, who produced an exemplary

investigative report into the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in juvenile detention. – Ms Holland - Aboriginal Studies Teacher

Ancient History Year 12

Ancient History students have had a wonderful time exploring various topics over the past year. Year 12 have concluded their last topic - Hatshepsut and New Kingdom Egypt, and are now focusing on their final exam. Students have worked well to develop their independent research skills and to enhance their extended response style answers over the year in order to achieve pleasing results in Assessment Tasks. Coming into the final leg of their HSC, students are now revisiting past topics to revise their notes in a collective booklet, which includes past HSC questions to ensure they are well prepared for their upcoming HSC exams. Good Luck Ancient Historians and we wish you every success in the future!

Modern History Year 11

Some wonderful things have been happening this term in our school's Year 11 Modern History classroom. With intern Nadja Cregan joining our teaching staff this term, she and our Year 11's have been investigating the World at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century. As part of their studies the class has created a timeline mapping out the events that have shaped the world between 1870 and the outbreak of World War One. This timeline has not only proven to be a great revision tool for Year 11, but has provided students with a visual representation of their learning. This timeline has also sparked the interest of students in younger years.



Stephen Carey,
Head Teacher HSIE

Science News

This term has seen the Science department undertaking many different activities with our students:

Science and Engineering Challenge

A group of our Year 10 students participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge, held at St Edwards High School East Gosford. The day involved participation in different tasks, from building and construction to puzzle solving. Our students represented the school wonderfully, gaining second place overall for the day.

Year 9 – The Brain and Central Nervous System

In class, we have had Year 9 studying the brain and central nervous system, making brain hats as a part of their studies. Year 10 has been studying DNA, with a strawberry DNA extraction being done in class. "

Science Excursion to Taronga Zoo

Year 7 and 8 classes were invited to attend Taronga Zoo, Sydney to participate in a Challenge organised by the Zoo and Macquarie University. It was a stunning day on Sydney harbour.



The students were divided into teams of 3 to 4 and given a passport which needed to be stamped at different checkpoints. There were "Road Blocks" thrown in to make the challenge harder. We were up against Kogarah and Warners Bay High Schools. Not only was Gorokan High School the first to finish the competition, the Uni students who were running the event, also commented on how polite our students were. They were the best they had seen, in terms of their attitude and behaviour over the days they had been running the event! High compliment indeed. So, a big well done to those students who attended this event. Here is a photo of our intrepid explorers outside the front of Taronga Zoo, at the end of their excursion



Here are some of the sights: The baby elephant and his mum and aunt....



The Silver Back Gorilla, a very alert meerkat, and giraffe that was hard to fit into the photo

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Frank Mesina
Head Teacher Science

Technological & Applied Studies News

10X Child Studies

The girls were very excited to be 'aunties' during their lesson this afternoon. Lucy had taken care of her all day and just needed a break before she takes the baby home.



5Y Pastry Chef

The students have come up with some amazing cupcake designs for their Creative Cakes and Amazing Muffins unit.



Narelle Sheahan
Relieving Head Teacher TAS

Premiers Sporting Challenge – Leading with Action

On the 11th August our Premiers Sport Challenge leaders hosted year 5 students from our learning community schools (Gorokan Public, Toukley Public and Kanwal Public) at a sport day at Harry Moore Oval, Toukley. Our students over the previous 2 years have undergone significant training and development to enable them to deliver short sport skill development sessions to improve the movement capabilities of future students of Gorokan High School. Sports in which our leaders instructed students included, Oztag, Football (Soccer), Cricket, Golf, Basketball, Netball, small sided games and general sports skills. Over the course of the day, year 5 students experienced at least 5 of the 8 sports/activities offered. All thoroughly enjoyed the day and our sport leaders and future sport leaders were finally able to put to use their new found skills. It is hoped that we can sustain and refine this day in order to encourage physical activity participation and develop healthy habits in our current and future students.

Sport Achievements

At the time of writing this article our Under 16 girl's Rugby League team were participating in the NSW State finals at Macquarie University Sports Fields having gained a wild card entry after participating in regional finals. The girls were ably coached by Mrs Hennessey and assisted by Mr Anderson. While not victorious overall, the girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience, further developing their skills in the sport of Rugby League and valuing the opportunity to see some great Girls Rugby League action. The girls would most definitely be up for Sports Team of the Year at the upcoming annual Sports Presentation Dinner.

Sports Presentation Dinner

Over the remainder of the term and leading into Term 4, nominations from students will be called for in order to be successful in gaining acknowledgement of their sport efforts throughout the year. Students are reminded to listen to daily notices and speak to the PDHPE/Sport staff about the nomination process and possible eligibility.

Andrew Collins
Head Teacher PDHPE

Library News

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Once again Gorokan High school is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. It allows us to redeem stickers for educational resources for our school, this year the resources will be for our Special Education Department. The collection box for stickers is in the library lobby and there is also a collection box at Woolworths, Lake Haven. Please get behind this worthy cause and help support our students.

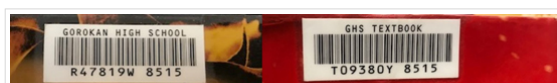
SSS – Supported Senior Study

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 with light refreshments for attendees.

Year 10 Sign Out

Year 10 will be signing out Term 4, this year and students are asked to return all overdue resources. This can be library books and textbooks that students have borrowed from years 7 – 10, including calculators. If students are unable to find textbooks they have borrowed they will be asked to pay for a replacement. As you can imagine, many books are misplaced each year and often we need to spend our budget on replacement books rather than new books. So please look for any book in your shelves with a labelled school barcode on the back.



Fiction Series

Fiction series are more popular than ever. Fiction for young adults has many memorable series like, Harry Potter, Skulduggery Pleasant, The Hunger Games and the Twilight series. Characters that readers love can live a longer life than with a single novel and our students at GHS love a great series and can't wait to see what happens next. Some works in a series can stand alone—they can be read in any order, and these books make few reference to past events, and the characters seldom, if ever, change. Other series need to be read in the exact order, for this reason we have recently labelled our series accordingly and this has made it much easier for our students to choose the next book they need to read in a series. The library has a reservation system so students can ensure they have the next book in the series when they need to read it.



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 students.

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

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**Samantha Powell,
Teacher Librarian**

Support Unit News

This semester students in the Support Unit, have been actively participating in a variety of activities within the classroom and outside the school. Our year 7 students have been participating in the Rock and Water Program on a weekly basis. The year 11 students have been travelling to Break-Thru for alternative programs, while our year 12's have been involved in Transition to Work Programs. I would like to thank Mrs Goldie, Ms Writer, Ms Folkes and Mrs Cabique on their organisational skills in providing these opportunities for our students. This has been a busy time for staff, students and parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who have attended meetings and supported staff in organising these excursions. The students that do not attend our extra-curricular activities are provided with work to complete at school, related to these extra-curricular activities.

In the classroom, students have been participating in units of work around informative text in English, Angels in Mathematics, Our Community in HSIE and Earth's Resources in Science. Students will be participating in In-class Assessments in the coming weeks as part of these units. To further follow-up on students' progress, at the beginning of Term 4, all classroom teachers will be in contact to discuss and review the current year and future direction in 2018.

**John Glasson
Head Teacher – Special Education**

GATS News

Term 3 is half way through!!

The **selective class entry** for years 8 to 10 closed the 29th of July. We have had numerous applicants, coming from our own school and from other schools. Those students who have applied, will still sit a **test on the 25th August** in the school library. Only a few positions are vacant in our selective classes, therefore, the competition for placement will be rigorous. The announcement of the 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 done for this year. Science results were given to each student. Students receive a certificate and a page explaining their results. Congratulations to all the students who have achieved merits, credits and distinctions. The tests are challenging and all of you did very well. The results for the English and Mathematics will be delivered next term.

ICAS COMPETITION	MERIT	CREDIT	DISTINCTIONS
Digital Technologies		Andrew Luyt (7)	
Science	Cameron Cheney (7) Mia Orcher (7) Jacinta-Rose Burley(8) Harrison Wetherall (8) Monica Denis (10)	Arnatt Cantwell (7) Amelia Carty (7) Seth Drysdale (7) Andrew Luyt (7) Ella Munsie (7) Lillie Nolan (7) Isabela Power (7) Cameryn Smider (7) Gabriel Thompson (7) Jessica-Lee Quinn (7) Alisha Cech (8) Ashton Vincenti (8)	Toby Dowdell (7) Luke Vincent (7)
Writing			Emily Dixon (9)

Congratulations to all the high achievers!!

Extra-curricular activities for our selective classes are organised by the different faculties, check our school Facebook page for posts and photos of our current activities.

Congratulations to the teams from 7P and 8P who won the Taronga Zoo Competition Wild Race. Teams have to follow the map of the zoo and solve challenging questions about biodiversity and conservation and on-the-spot, present a short speech! Well done!

The reports from the first semester have shown that the majority of students have achieved excellent results and this is a reflection of their consistent effort and diligence in class. For those students who need extra help with task management and study skills, an improvement program has been developed. Students are recommended by their teachers to participate in this program and parents will be informed by mail. The **improvement program** is not a discipline program. It is a teaching and learning program to increase and develop study skills, time and task management for students who needs to catch up with the high standards expected in the selective class.



**Sylvia Rudman
GATS Co-Ordinator**

Student Council News

It has been a busy start to Term 3 for the student Council with lots of things to plan and do. Week 3- we supported Jeans for Genes Day and encouraged all GHS students and staff to wear their Jeans for a gold coin donation to support the worthy cause. Week 4- we sent student representatives Riley Felton

Careers News

Year 12

The Careers and Transition team, along with the rest of the staff, wish year 12 all the best in their exams and for their future.

On the 4th August the University Admissions Centre (UAC) opened for students to apply for 2017 courses. Students should have registered by now, to take advantage of paying the reduced "on time fee". They can then go back on line at any time to alter their preferences.

After their exams Year 12 students are still welcome to come to the school to access the Careers Resource Room, to use a computer with internet access so they can do career related research and have assistance with writing job applications and resumes.

RSA and RCG Courses

Many Year 12 students took advantage of being able to do these courses at a reduced price through the school. This qualification allows them to be eligible to work in an establishment where alcohol is served, so provides them with more options of places to work once they are 18 years of age.

Year 10

After their yearly exams all Year 10 students will be doing the following **compulsory courses for being enrolled into year 11** –“All My Own Work” and “Work Ready” and the “Cross Roads” programs.

All Year 10 students have received their notification about doing Work Experience from 27th November to 8th December. They have been out sourcing a place, and their personal detail forms and initial host employer forms were due back on 21st August. If they have not been returned yet, please make sure you follow this up.

This is an invaluable opportunity, as students who participate in this activity develop more on-the-job employment skills and therefore have an increased chance of gaining fulltime employment when they leave school. After completion of work experience, the details should be added to their resumes.

Year 9

Resumes and Job Applications

For the remainder of term 3, Year 9 will be doing resume writing. They have already had a lesson where they have written down their information to include and each student will have two more lessons where they will be putting this information into a Resume Template on the Computer.

Echo Day

On Wednesday 20th September we are holding our Year 9 ECHO Day. The students are divided into small groups and speakers talk to the students about their personal experiences of training and working in a variety of careers and also explain study options for these careers and for post school.

and Jacinta-Rose Burley to the Central Coast learning Alliance Student Voice meeting hosted by Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkley Vale Campus. They were treated to an inspiring day of leadership and networking and a visit from the Minister for Education, The Honourable Rob Stokes. Week 5- We organised and ran our annual Pink Day. Pink Day has been running since 2009 and it is a very important event on the Gorokan High School calendar. It is a fun day that we look forward to every year, however, behind the fun there is a very serious and important message. It started as an opportunity for GHS to raise much-needed funds for cancer research and at the time several students in the school had Mothers fighting breast cancer and they wanted to help in some way. Over the years, this event has raised a lot of money and we have been able to donate to several different cancer research organisations. Many students and staff at GHS have been touched by cancer in some way, whether it is friends or family. The Student Council did a fabulous job in co-ordinating the day and are now busy evaluating what to improve even further for next year.

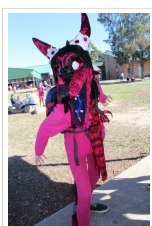
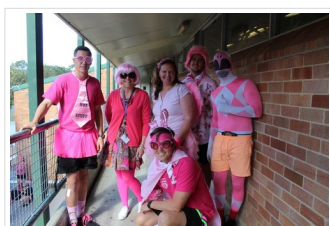


Pink Day 2017

On Wednesday the 16th of August Gorokan High School held their annual Pink Day event. Each year the students enjoy an afternoon of fun activities in support of a very worthy cause: Breast Cancer research. Students and staff donned their crazy pink outfits and made a gold coin donation.

The Student Council did a fantastic job planning and running the day. Students and staff were able to purchase from the BBQ or buy some pizza for lunch. Of course, the famous pink cupcake display was quickly devoured. Activities included the ever popular “Slime the Teacher”, tug-of-war, basketball, OzTag, face painting and hair spraying.

It was a fantastic day! We will proudly send off our donation to The Breast Cancer Foundation in the coming weeks.



Whitecard Course:

All Year 10 students who are planning to do their Work Experience in any area of the Construction Industry must have done WHS Construction Induction *Whitecard Course* before the beginning of November. The last course for the year, to be run at school, is booked for *Wednesday 25th October*. Students can get a registration form for this course from the Careers Office.

Susanne Thompson
Careers Adviser

Year 12 News

Here is some important information and dates for year 12 in the lead up to their final weeks here at school and for the HSC exams.

A letter has been sent out to all families inviting you to the Year 12 graduation ceremony. This will be in the old hall here at school beginning at 9 am. Students **MUST** be in full school uniform with a rehearsal conducted Thursday 21 September and the graduation ceremony on Friday 22 September. There is no need to RSVP for this event and I look forward to as many parents, carers and family members attending as possible to celebrate the achievement of completing formal schooling.

Monday October 16 is the official start date of the HSC exams. These are held off site at the Toukley 50+ Club (near Coles). A site visit has been arranged for Monday 4 November at 8am to orient students on where to go and the procedures that they can expect during their exams. Students are asked to make their own way there on this morning and at the conclusion, normal classes will commence and they are expected to attend school as normal. An exam time table can be found at the NESAs website for the HSC and students should have this printed out and be aware well in advance of their scheduled exam.

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

During the school holidays students can make appointments with their subject teachers for tutorial sessions. These are negotiated with each subject teacher and are subject to teacher availability during this period of time.

Friday 10 November is school sign out day. Surnames from A-L are allocated periods 1&2 and surnames from M-Z are given periods 3&4. Textbooks are to be returned at this time only and all outstanding school fees and contributions are to be paid at this time also. This is the only day made available for this to happen as paperwork and staff will be unable to assist outside of this day. Non-payment of school fees and failure to return school texts may hinder the allocation of final HSC certificates.

The year 12 school formal is being held at Kooindah Waters Resort on 14 November. An invite has been handed out to students. The official start time is 6pm, however students can arrive from 5:30pm to have photographs taken in the resort surrounds. More information will be made available closer to the date. Due to the new Departmental payment processing system **ALL** outstanding money for those wishing to attend must be received no later than **20 September** and can be paid

at our office. Unfortunately due to these advanced deadlines any student who has not paid will not be able to attend. The cost is \$95 and includes 3 courses, soft drink and venue hire. Students are reminded that because this is a school organised event their attendance at the formal is at the discretion of school and any student not meeting minimum standards in terms of behaviour or application to their studies will not be extended an invite.

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Community News

Central Coast Council

Local Government Elections Saturday, 9 September 2017



Just a reminder that the Local Government elections will be held on Saturday the 9th of September and Gorokan High School Hall is one of the Venues for voting on that day. **PLEASE NOTE- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION VOTING IS COMPULSORY!**