



## GOROKAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 3, Week 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the midway point of the term. Thank you for the positive feedback from parents and carers who attended parent/teacher interviews recently. Your support and partnership will make a difference.

**Revised Enrolment Procedures** - Please be aware that any new enrolments are to be considered under the Department's Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools policy and the General Enrolment Procedures (2019), available on the Department's internet site at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>

While parents may apply to enrol their child in the school of their choice, acceptance is subject to the child being eligible to attend and the school being able to accommodate the child. In some circumstances, where schools are over their designated enrolment cap and local enrolment buffer, non-local enrolment applications, including those of siblings, are not able to be accepted by the school. **Please be aware that Gorokan Public School has now exceeded this enrolment cap and is unable to accept non-local enrolments.** For further information please refer to the school Student Enrolment Procedure and Protocols, available on the school's website.

If you are considering moving you may wish to refer to the School Finder tool

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder> to see if any siblings or extended family will be eligible to enrol at Gorokan Public School in the future.

**Student Reports Parent Survey** - We are seeking feedback regarding the recently changed Semester 1 reporting format. Please take a moment to complete the survey on page 4 of this newsletter.

**Pink Day Fundraiser** - Thank you for the overwhelming support of this great cause. I am pleased to announce that a grand total of \$1381.50 was raised on the day through gold coin donations and cake purchases. Special thanks are extended for

the generous donations of cakes and to our volunteers who assisted on the day.



Photo: 2A Celebrating Pink Day @ GPS

**Public Speaking Finals** - Congratulations to all our Public Speaking finalists who delivered their speeches at the Central Coast Primary Schools' Competition at Mannering Park PS last week. The students all spoke with confidence and skill. Well done to Lucas M, our Kindergarten representative, who has made it through to the next level of the competition.



Photo: Kindergarten Public Speaking finalist Lucas M

**T4L Awards** - The school received a very special award last Friday at the annual T4L (Technology for Learning) Awards hosted in the Telstra Customer Insight Centre, George Street Sydney. I am very proud of the collaborative efforts that resulted in a highly commended award for Innovation in Administration and Management.



Photo: Mr Gibbs and I accepting the award for GPS

Together we can make a difference.

*Jesmond Zammit*

Principal

## Dates to Remember

Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	School Athletics Carnival
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Father's Day Stall Year 5 PSC Sports Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 5 - Bathurst Excursion
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	KL, KFL, KJ boys excursion to Girrakool Father's Day Breakfast Touch Football Gala Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 - Canberra Excursion Year 5/6 Numeracy Day
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	PDHPE Healthy Living Expo

## Early Stage 1 Supervisor - Mrs D Jeanpierre

**Class Awards** - Congratulations to the following students for receiving class awards last week. **KC** - Eva and Hunter, **KDT** - Bronte and Jermaine, **KJ** - Tayah and Anahita, **KL** - Robert and Harrison, **KFL** - Trevor and Layla.

**Excursion to Laycock Street Theatre** - All Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to view Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes Performance on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Could you please return the permission notes with payment to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

**Girrakool Excursion** - KFL, KL, the boys from KJ and any students who missed the previous excursion date will be visiting the Girrakool National Park next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding this excursion.

**Parent Teacher Interviews** - Please try to meet with your child's teacher to discuss the progress made in Semester 1 and how to support your child further in Semester 2. A note has been sent home for you to indicate an appropriate day/time you would be available to meet.

**Home Reading** - Please sign your child's reading card nightly and return their books every Friday to swap for new ones. It is essential to support regular reading at home for enjoyment and to promote academic progress.

**KindergAARten's Pirate Warrior Course** - We are currently planning an exciting ES1 day for the PDHPE showcase on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August. It is a Pirate Warrior Course encompassing Fundamental Movement Skills. Students are welcome to dress up as a pirate on the day. We require the following recyclable materials. If you could please collect these and send to your child's teacher it would be appreciated - egg cartons, cardboard tubes but no toilet rolls, large pieces of white, cream, black, red, green or blue material with no patterns, newspaper, large cardboard boxes, balloons, paper plates, brown paper bags. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Stage 1 Supervisor - Miss L Anderson

**Parent Teacher Interviews** - Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have already made time to meet with their child's teacher. The teachers have found these meetings to be most beneficial in planning for each child. If you have not met with your child's teacher yet or do not have an appointment time, please contact your child's teacher by note or phone to arrange a suitable time.

**Plant Donations** - All plant donations have been gratefully appreciated. Your herb and vegetable donations have been planted and Year 2 are thoroughly enjoying looking after their plants and creating recipes from what they are growing. Any further donations are welcome and we send our sincere thanks to those who have already donated.

**School Start Time** - Learning in the classroom begins each day at 9:00am sharp. Please ensure that your children are at school on time to start learning with their class every day. This ensures your child is able to reach their full potential.

## Stage 2 Supervisor - Mrs R Ranse

**Student Scholarships** - Each year the Public Education Foundation offers a number of scholarships to help students overcome barriers to achievement created by social and economic disadvantage. To apply for a Primary School Scholarship, parents can access the link to the online portal via the Foundations website <https://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships>.

**Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey** - This term, our school, will once again participate in the Department of Education's: *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey for students in Years 4 - 6. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and 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/information-for-parents>

The survey is confidential, is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 26<sup>th</sup> August and 25<sup>th</sup> October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home soon or email the school on [gorokan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gorokan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**.

## Stage 3 Supervisor - Mrs G Farrell

**Parent Teacher Interviews** - Our Stage 3 parent teacher interviews have been organised over the past 2 weeks. Please make sure you make a time to have a chat with

your child's teacher. We hope that parents/carers have found the meetings worthwhile.

**Year 5 PSC Sports Day** - This will be held this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. New permission notes need to be returned for your child to attend. Please note, as the Father's Day stall will be held on this day, Year 5 students will be given the opportunity to purchase gifts at 9:00am sharp prior to roll call.

**Year 5 Bathurst Excursion** - Year 5 students will be heading to Bathurst next Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 6:00am and need to be at school by 5:35am. They will be returning at approx. 6:00pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

**Year 6 Canberra Excursion** - Our Year 6 excursion to Canberra is coming up the week after next. We will be leaving on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and will be returning on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**Year 5 & 6 Numeracy Day at Gorokan High School** - Our Stage 3 students who are not going to Canberra have the opportunity to attend a special Numeracy Day at GHS on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The first 60 students who return their notes will be able to attend. This is a free activity.

### **Special Education - Mrs S Crook**

**Hats** - Please ensure that your child brings their hat to school each day. Our school is 'Sun Safe' and students are required to wear a hat when they are participating in activities outside, including recess and lunch. Students in the special education unit have a unique hat with a yellow strip around the brim so we can identify them quickly if needed. If your child not yet been given one of these hats, please see their class teacher.

### **School News**

**NSW Premier's Reading Challenge** - The 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge ends on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. All students in Years 3-6 must have their online reading logs completed by this date to be eligible to receive the certificate at the end of the year. Students can access their reading logs through their student portal or just type *NSW Premier's Reading Challenge* into an internet browser.

### **Sport News**

**Zone Athletics Carnival** - This will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Students who qualify will need to return their notes ASAP and parents will need to provide transport to and from Mingara Athletics Centre. There will be no cost this year for competitors as the Zone has kindly paid for them to attend. Year 5 students who will be attending the Bathurst excursion will need to bring their note to school on Friday morning.

**Special Swimming Scheme** - As part of our PDHPE Curriculum the Special Swimming Scheme will take place in Weeks 7 and 8, Term 4. All Year 2 and 3 students are encouraged to attend. Lessons are free. The cost of \$50 is

for bus travel and pool entry for the 10 day program. It is a great opportunity for your child to learn how to swim, improve their swimming skills and learn water safety skills. Get in early and pay a \$20 deposit to secure your child's spot.

**Touch Football Gala Day** - Stage 2 and 3 Touch Footy Gala Day will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> August at Doyalson. Teams will be selected soon and a few training sessions will take place prior to the games.

**Cricket Gala Day** - We have been given the opportunity for our school to participate in a free cricket Gala Day and have entered a Stage 2 and 3 team for both boys and girls. Students will be selected over the next two weeks.

### **P & C News - Miss J Daunt**

**Pink Day Breast Cancer Fundraiser** - I would like to thank our very generous community for all of their support last Friday. A very big thank you to all who donated baked goods and to those who gave up their time to help sell items during recess and lunch. In total we have raised \$1381.50 for BNCA.

**Disability Forum** - Central Coast Council P&C Presents: Disability Forum for Parents and Carers. The Department of Education will be presenting the recently released disability strategy. Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - Tumbi Umbi Campus Principal, Mrs Shayne Player, will be presenting what works for the Tumbi Campus. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear first-hand the new strategy that further supports students. This will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - Tumbi Umbi Campus, 150 Bellevue Road Tumbi Umbi from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Opportunities will be available for any questions.

**Father's Day Stall** - A Father's Day stall will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Students can purchase a variety of gifts for their dads, grandfathers, carers or special males in their lives. Gifts will range from \$1 to \$8. *Cash only on the day - PLEASE DO NOT PAY ONLINE.* If anyone can offer any help on the Father's Day stall, please contact [jasmine.daunt3@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jasmine.daunt3@det.nsw.edu.au).

**Father's Day Breakfast** - We would like to welcome all dads, grandfathers, carers or special males to join us for our Father's Day breakfast on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 7:30am to 9:00am.

### **Father's Day Breakfast RSVP**

*Please return to school by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August*

*I \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending*

*the Gorokan Public School Father's Day Breakfast on*

*Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August with my child/ren*

*\_\_\_\_\_.*

## Protecting your child's online privacy

by Colin Anson

From sharing pictures of a child's first day at school to key moments at high school, many adults don't consider the potential risks or breach of future privacy for kids. In fact, it is now become a ritual to announce the full name and date of birth of a child online within hours of them being born. This is just the beginning of a child's digital footprint.

Although children are now 'born digital', exposure in the online world can present just as many risks as the physical world can pose. Images and identifying details can be used for numerous activities that put your child at risk, from stalking, to cyberbullying, identity theft, and even digital kidnapping.

The Australian eSafety Commission warns that half of all images on paedophile image-sharing sites originate from social media sites and blogs. Parents are responsible for protecting kids until they are old enough to make their own decisions about their online presence.

So, what can parents do?

Start by 'thinking privacy' before posting images of children online. You'll be protecting their digital footprint and setting them up for a healthy relationship with the digital world.

### Seek consent

Always ask others before sharing images of their children, even your family. Speak up about how you feel about images of your child being shared. When your child is old enough, ask them for consent, empowering them to understand they have a right to their privacy online. As they become teenagers, hopefully they will have more respect for what they post online and have confidence to speak to others about their consent guidelines.

### Understand the settings

Check the settings of your social media channels to ensure your posts are not public. Speak to your friends and family about this and don't be afraid to ask for help to get it right. If your child has social media channels of their own, go through the settings with them to minimise the risk of unwanted shares.

### Think about the detail

Avoid including children's identifiable details such as school badges, logos, uniforms, name tags or identifiable locations such as your home area or school. Alternatively, blur these details prior to posting.

### Be selective

Create a simple checklist to help make decisions regarding posting online easy. What do you deem appropriate? Are you happy to share images of your

children in swimwear? Do you want to avoid full-frontal face shots?

If your child is old enough, explain why you are selecting certain pictures and not sharing others. If you have a teenager who is sharing their own images, talk to them about what is appropriate and potential repercussions of not setting boundaries.

### Remove metadata

Metadata on digital images records the time, date and GPS coordinates of where the photo was taken and can be accessed through shared images, and your sharing service may record your IP address. You can wipe this information with appropriate software or share screenshots of your photos to avoid metadata sharing.

Screenshot sharing creates a lower resolution photo, so it's less likely to be tampered with by a third party.

Think 'privacy first' to reduce many of the risks involved with image sharing. Have conversations with your children to instil this mentality; help them build empathy; and identify the steps for minimising risk whilst helping them build a healthy relationship with technology so they can become responsible digital citizens.

### Student Reports Parent Survey

*Please return to the school*

1. Did you find the new report easy to read?

5 – Excellent	4- Good	3- Average	2- Below average	1- Not at all
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2. Did you get a clear understanding of what your child could and could not do?

5 – Excellent	4- Good	3- Average	2- Below average	1- Not at all
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3. Does the new report give you insight into how you can assist you child?

5 – Excellent	4- Good	3- Average	2- Below average	1- Not at all
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4. Is the report in easy to understand language?

5 – Excellent	4- Good	3- Average	2- Below average	1- Not at all
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5. Any further comments?