Dear Parents and Caregivers,

MINISTER for EDUCATION VISIT  On Monday we were privileged to have the NSW Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli visit the school with Principals from across the Central Coast. The Minister addressed the Principals about the future of education. Congratulations to our new School Captains and Prefects who performed their first official duties welcoming the Minister and visiting Principals and to Danielle R. who delivered the Acknowledgement of Country for our visitors. The school looked fantastic and all the students were well behaved, leaving a positive impression on all our visitors. Please visit the website for photos of the day. Congratulations Gorokan.

CLASS CAPTAINS ASSEMBLY  Our Term One Class Captains and 2013 School Captains will be inducted on Tuesday 5th March. Invitations have been sent home to all families concerned. We look forward to seeing you at the assembly and know that our student leaders will do a wonderful job representing their classes this term.

STAR 104.5FM  will be broadcasting live from Gorokan Public School between 5.30am and 9.00am on Wednesday 6th March. The P & C will be selling egg and bacon rolls ($3.50) with tea, coffee and hot chocolate ($1.00).

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?  Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The School Kids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkids bonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centreline – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Bunnings Plants
A big ‘thankyou’ to Bunnings at Lakehaven for their donation to the school of a $50 voucher, which was put to good use purchasing some plants for our administration area.

Mrs Alanna Bell
PRINCIPAL
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 1, 2013

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UNIVERSITY TESTS – 2013: A note has been sent home outlining Uni Tests and costs available to students in Year 3 to 6 this year. The final day for payment for these will be Thursday 28th March 2013.

KINDERGARTEN SUPERVISOR - KIM LANSDOWNE

Home time- Parents if you take a Kindergarten child from lines in the afternoon on their way to the gate could you please let the teacher know.

Class Supplies- Thank you to the families that have donated class supplies. It is very much appreciated.

Mathletics- Mathletics passwords have now been issued to Kindergarten. The cost is $8.00 for the year or $2.00 a term. Please send money in an envelope with their name, class and amount on the front. Children will be able to access from home and school.

Head lice- We would appreciate it if you could check your child’s hair regularly for the presence of head lice.
If you find any please treat immediately. It is only when we work together that we can keep this little pest under control.

Morning Line Up- Children are to line up in our Kindergarten area of a morning not at their classroom. Please keep this area clear.

Class Awards

KC- Riley, Lara KE- Jesse, Breanna KL- James, Jamie KH- LaKayla, Loukyn
KS- Aidan, Tiarna

STAGE 1 NEWS- Year 1 & 2 SUPERVISOR - BELYNDA GRUDEN

Interviews and Student Information - Year 1 and 2 teachers are still holding interviews this week. Please return your interview preference sheet as soon as possible. Your child’s teacher will send a note confirming your date and time. Please continue to return Student Information Sheets.

Supplies - Thank you for your generous supplies of paper towel and tissues. Also, thank you for ensuring your child has a pencil, whiteboard marker and glue stick for school.

Blue Dictionaries - Stage One students require a blue dictionary, which is to be used at school. They are beneficial during English lessons and improve students dictionary skills. If you purchased one last year, they have been passed on to your child’s new class. They are available at the office for $4.50.

Circus Skills Workshop - The Circus Skills Workshop for Year 2 students begins this Wednesday at 3.15pm to 4.15pm. All students involved in these workshops received letters last week.

Mufti Day - 8th March
School Photos - 18th and 19th March

Tennis - If you would like your child to learn how to play tennis this term (5 weeks for $15) please return the tennis note sent home last week, with payment to the office.

Reading - Please encourage your child to read daily.

Year 1 Awards - Week 3 and Week 4- K/1H - Olive R, Nafiz R, Alexandra, Caleb. 1/SB – Tianna P, Dylan L, Alyssa, Rueben. 1G- Natasha, Joshua. 1A- Noah, Scarlet

Year 2 Awards - 2E - Shayne F, Charmaine 2F - Harrison, Joseph 2B – Ben, Kley

STAGE 2 NEWS- Year 3 & 4 SUPERVISOR - JASON CLENTON

Maths Texts Books – All Year 3 and 4 classes would like to start using their Maths Text books on Monday. Please pay for your child’s book if you still do not have one. They are only $15 when you return the pink school assistance form on the back of the textbook note, which includes a year subscription to the Mathletics internet/computer program which is used at school and can be easily accessed at home.

Sport Starts on Monday- Please pay your $15 before this Friday if you would like your child to participate in the Term 1 Tennis Clinics. There will be 5 lessons during our normal sport time in term one. (Lessons start on Monday at 12pm).

Parent Information Sharing – Please return the Parent Information Sharing questionnaire to your child’s teacher ASAP. If you have also requested an interview, your interview day and time will be sent home soon.

Congratulations to the following week 3 and week 4 award winners:
3C- Elise, Brianna D, Amy, Jacob. 3G- Lyson, Kereama, Katie, Lillie. 3/4M - Cameron C, Brianna, Dekoda, Olivia. 4G- Reilly, Tyson. 4C- Jacinta, Keanu.

STAGE 3 NEWS- Year 5 & 6 SUPERVISOR - ANNETTE BERTRAM

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CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER 2013 – Week 5 & 6 Term 1

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BOOK CLUB - Orders for Issue 1 have been processed. It usually takes a little longer to receive books from Scholastic on the first issue. Hopefully the books will be returned to the children within two weeks.

P & C NEWS

MEGA FETE - “Saturday 23rd March, 2013”

Plans are going ahead for our Mega Fete to be held on Saturday 23rd March, 2013. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you can spare some time please send in your name, email address and times you can help out. We are also looking for donations of non-perishable foods, which can be left at the canteen. Updates for our Mega Fete can be seen on the Gorokan Public School website.
Star FM - Star FM will be broadcasting from the school on Wednesday 6th March, 2013. The P & C will be selling Bacon and Egg rolls ($3.50), Tea, Coffee and Milo ($1.00) from 6.00am to 9.00am. If anyone wishes to pre-order please see Julie in the canteen.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A quick update from the Schools As Community Centre, we have a range of programs on offer some still with some vacancies in them.

We have a fitness program starting shortly on a Monday for any parent wanting to increase their fitness levels. This is an introduction to fitness, and is designed to be completed with or without your young child being actively involved.

We also have a baby play group running on a Monday designed for parents with children under 2. Come along, relax, have a coffee, play with your little one and chat to other parents about the joys and challenges of being a parent.

The Supported playgroup is running Wednesday mornings from 10 am, new families are very welcome, it provides a range of play experiences for children aged 0-5 years.

Developing Family literacy skills will start 12th March (1.30-3.00pm) and promotes easy ways of improving your child’s (0-8 years) literacy skills. It’s practical, interactive and fun. Limited child care is available.

For further information please drop into the centre or call Lynda on 0467 760 712