Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Camp Quality Puppet show and Crazy Hair Day** - Camp Quality will perform a free puppet show to all students on Friday. In addition to the show, the students are being encouraged to fundraise this week for Dezarae Jones in Year 3. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Dezarae has returned to school after receiving chemotherapy for cancer. This Friday will be an opportunity for her peers to raise money through donations tied to the school’s Crazy Hair Day – the more outrageous or brightly coloured, the better! Children are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation for the privilege of wearing their crazy hair. Please give generously.

**Dangerous trees in schools** - During the Christmas holidays an arborist performed an inspection of the school grounds identifying tree maintenance priorities. This report has been lodged with the department and we are in the process of organising the required tree maintenance. The area between the Year 2 classrooms and the vegetable gardens has been cordoned off and is out of bounds until this maintenance has been carried out.

**Creative and Performing Arts** - Presently a number of groups are being formed in preparation for school and local performances, and events. These groups include Koori Choir, Senior Choir, Hoop dancing, Djembe Drumming, Koori Dance, Percussion group and Ukulele / Guitar group. These extracurricular activities add to the richness of the students’ education and we thank the teachers who provide these opportunities and congratulate the children themselves for their ongoing commitment to their chosen activities.

**Sporting Teams** - Teams are being selected to represent the school in local sporting events and knockouts in a wide range of sports including netball, rugby league, AFL, tennis, swimming, soccer and basketball. These opportunities are special and the children involved are privileged when selected to represent the school. Thanks to the teachers and parents who make these opportunities possible for the Gorokan Public School students. Special congratulations are extended to Caitlin, Layla and Madison for their achievements in swimming leading to their successful progression to the next competitive level – Sydney North Swimming Carnival.

**Voluntary school contributions reminder** - Thanks again for the prompt payments that have been receipted to date. Single child rate is $15, families with more than one child are asked to pay $25. The children will benefit directly from these contributions.

Jesmond Zammit
Principal
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 1, 2014

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Lunchtime Tennis Yrs 1-6 - At Gorokan Public School we are very happy to offer lunchtime tennis coaching for students in Years 1-6 who would like to participate in tennis on a week by week basis. Coaching will be done by Mr Jason Furlong from the Lake Haven Tennis Centre. All equipment will be supplied. This is in addition to the regular lessons held during the Year 3-6 sport times. The coaching will take place on Thursdays at lunch playtime. If your child would like to participate all they need to do is bring $3 to school each Thursday and pay at the tennis court. There will be a limited number of students who can participate each Thursday.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS - SUPERVISOR – KIM LANSDOWNE

The Kindergarten teachers would like to congratulate the children on their behaviour at the Responsible Pet Program visit last Wednesday. The children learnt all about being safe around dogs and that all pets require looking after.

This week will be the last week that Kindergarten students will be walked to the front and back gate by a teacher. However, the teachers will still keep a watch on them and remind them of what to do if they cannot see the person picking them up.

Class Awards:
KE/T - Nathan, Henry  
KH - Jayden  
KL - Daniel, Luke  
KS - Rachael, Zachary

STAGE 1 NEWS - SUPERVISOR - CATHIE BEHRINGER

This week the Stage 1 and Early Stage 1 teachers are implementing a new program in the mornings. We are trying to encourage a ‘Kiss and Drop’ strategy for all students and parents in K-2. This means that you can drop your child off at the gate and a teacher will be waiting to make sure your child walks safely into the playground. Many schools are using this program in order to help students develop independence and resilience. We will be setting up an outside library where your child can go safely and read a book with or without a buddy.

There will be equipment in designated areas with hand balls, hopscotch and other games that will help your child interact and play in a structured environment. This cannot be done if our infant’s playground is congested with adults. There will be teachers supervising these areas so that the safety of your child is ensured.

We ask that you PLEASE help us in developing these very important qualities in your children. Please remember that all teachers are available to speak to you at their earliest convenience with an appointment.

Congratulations to Oliver in 2V who competed in the Zone Swimming Carnival. We are very proud of him.
Another reminder for all children in Year 2 – they should bring a lead pencil to school each day so they are organised for school.
Thank you so much for your support.

Class Awards:  
1/2T - Jye and Tenika  
1B - Branna and Jaxson  
K/1H - Toby and Riley  
1C - Diahanne and Tiarna  
1SA - Joshua and Michelle

Class Awards Week 5:  
2F - Jacob, Katelyn  
2T - Jack

Class Awards Week 6:  
2F - Talen D, Pahal  
2V - Gloria J, Oliver K  
2G - Dylan, Tiana  
1/2T - Danisha E

STAGE 2 NEWS - SUPERVISOR - BELYNDIA GRUDEN

Supplies - All students need lead pencils, pens and a glue stick. If you still haven’t purchased your child’s textbooks please do so as soon as possible.

Headphones - It would be great if all students could bring in a pair of headphones to use at school. These will be used for the computers and ipads. Headphones or earphones would be suitable.

Swimming - Congratulations to all the students who represented us at the zone carnival last week.

Great Behaviour - Well done to Year 3 and Year 4 students for settling in well to their class and maintaining a high standard of behaviour. Most students are being respectful, being safe and are working well in class.

Head lice - there has been a few cases of head lice in Year 3 and 4. Please check your child’s hair and remind them not to share or borrow hats.

STAGE 3 NEWS - Year 5 & 6 RELIEVING SUPERVISOR – REBECCA RANSE

Stage 3 Camp - A reminder that the $40 non refundable deposit for the school camp is now due. Positions are filling fast, so to avoid disappointment please pay your deposit as soon as possible.

Selective High School Testing - Best of luck to those Stage 3 students who will be completing the selective school tests at Gorokan High School on Thursday.

Crazy Hair Day - Crazy hair day is this Friday. It would be fantastic to see all Stage 3 students at school with their crazy hairdos! A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER 2014 – Week 7 Term 1

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EAGLE BOY’S PIZZA DAY - To be held on Harmony Day/Fun Day on Friday 21st March, 2014. Order forms have been sent home and should be returned by Tuesday 18th March. PLEASE NOTE: NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AS WE HAVE TO ORDER THE PIZZAS BY THE 19TH MARCH.
EASTER GUESSING COMPETITION - Tickets for our Easter Guessing Competition have been
sent home and should be returned by Monday 7th April as the draw will take place on Wednesday
9th April. Donations of anything to do with Easter is needed and can be left in the tub located in the
office foyer. Thank You

FANCY HAT PARADE SAUSAGE SIZZLE - The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle at lunch
time on Friday 11th April this will coincide with the Fancy Hat Parade. It will be open to the whole
school and their families. Order forms will be sent home shortly and have to be returned by Tuesday
5th April.

P & C NEWS

BOOK CLUB - Scholastic Issue 2 brochures have been sent home. Orders with money should be
returned by Wednesday 19th March, 2014.