Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Camp Quality Puppet Show and Crazy Hair Day – The children were thoroughly entertained by the Camp Quality Puppets last Friday. Not only were the shows entertaining, they also gave the children some great information about how their actions impact on others by reinforcing anti-bullying and providing practical things children can do to be a supportive friend or classmate. The show also served to dispel concerns regarding contact with children who have cancer. I sported a crazy Afro on the day and many of the teachers and students also got into the crazy hair day spirit for this great cause. Pleasingly, we were able to raise money that will be combined with the canteen fundraising that will occur this term, to purchase an iPad for Dezarae. She plans to use it to entertain herself on the long drives to and from Sydney when she goes for her regular treatment. Thanks everyone for such a fun day and for your collective generosity.

Emergency / Safety Drills – Last week the mandatory evacuation / safety drills were rehearsed to ensure the safety of all who are on the school premises in the unlikely event of a school emergency. Both lock down and emergency evacuation drills were carried out smoothly, familiarising all with these important procedures.

“Drop and Kiss” – Thanks for the great response to this initiative that was requested by our K-2 staff in last week’s newsletter. Your support has allowed for the smooth and safe transition from the playground to morning lessons for our K-2 students – thank you.

Instructional Leader position update – Applications for this new position closed last Friday and successful applicants will be interviewed next week. I look forward to informing you of the successful candidate in the near future.

Leave pass – I have been in Canberra for the better part of this week studying Choice Theory leadership. This has been a great opportunity for me as a principal to gain a depth of knowledge and understanding of the internal psychology associated with school leadership. I am sure that the skills I have gained through participating in this course will be of great benefit to me and to the school community.

Jesmond Zammit
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 1, 2014

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Gorokan Public School is celebrating Harmony Day on **Friday 21st March**.

The **mufti day theme** for Harmony Day is the colour orange. Children will need to wear **closed in shoes** such as joggers and a **wide brimmed hat** as they will be participating in a variety of outdoor activities.

**Lunchtime Tennis Years 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.

**Central Coast Mariners Player Appearance Opportunity** - Central Coast Mariners (CCM) and Newcastle Permanent Building Society would like to give our school an opportunity to take part in a football skills clinic. This is available for all students and we encourage both boys and girls to participate.

**Date:** Thursday 27th March 2014  
**Time:** 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
**Where:** The school oval

This is a fantastic opportunity to have the Central Coast Mariners at our school and also a great chance for the children to enjoy a football experience like no other. It will be the responsibility of the parents to pick up their child at the end of the clinic. Please send a note with your child if you have arranged for someone else to pick them up at the end of the clinic.

If you would like your child to attend this clinic please complete the permission slip at the end of the newsletter and return to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

**KINDERGARTEN NEWS- SUPERVISOR – KIM LANSDOWNE**

Thank you to the families that supported Crazy Hair Day. The children looked fantastic.

This Friday is Harmony Day. The children are able to wear mufti - the colour theme is orange. Sensible closed in shoes are required and their wide brimmed school hat. There is no coin donation.

If your child is being collected by someone other than yourself, please let your child’s teacher know.

We are beginning to implement a ‘Kiss and Drop’ strategy for all the students K-2. This means you can drop your child at the school and a teacher will be waiting to make sure your child walks safely into the playground.

**Class Awards:**  
**KE/T** - Shaena, Casey  
**KH** - Ellyse  
**KL** - Cody, Gabriella  
**KS** - Stefron, Kenny
Kiss and Drop - Thank you to everyone who is continuing to support our new ‘Kiss and Drop’ program. We are trying to encourage independence and resilience in all our Gorokan Public School students. There has been much positive feedback from both students and parents. If you are still unsure about leaving your child could you please move quickly to the side near the path when the bell goes, as this will reduce congestion and noise when the teachers are trying to speak to the children. We really appreciate your cooperation and support, thank you.

Crazy Hair Day - We had a lovely week last week with the Camp Quality staff coming to our school, presenting a puppet show and speaking to the students about cancer. We raised over $400 which is amazing.

Harmony Day - We are all participating in Harmony day activities this Friday which will be lots of fun for the students and participating and sharing in activities that help us to work together.

Daily fitness - Stage 1 will all be participating in 15 minutes of fitness a day. Research shows that this has a positive impact on mental, emotional and physical health. Student’s concentration levels are much higher after exercise and drinking water regularly.

This week’s award winners were:
1/2T - Jack, Maddie
1C - Jesse, Jamie
1B - Bianca, Kealan
1SA - Tyson, Reyghan
K/1H - Isabella
2F - Anthony, Madison Mc
2V - Caylee H, Jayden D
2G - Kealie, Blake K

Crazy Hair Day - Thank you for your kind donations on crazy hair day. All the children looked great and enjoyed the puppet show.

Project - All year 3 and 4 students have a project to complete about Australia. This project is due on Monday 31st March – Students are also expected to write a speech.

Harmony Day - Harmony Day is this Friday, 21st March. Students are to wear mufti with sensible closed in shoes. They will be participating in a variety of activities to celebrate Harmony Day. We would like to include bracelet making and would like any child who owns a fun loom, crazy loom or rainbow loom to bring it to school on Friday. Bands will be supplied. Looms can be sent to 3/4B room please.

Great Aussie Bush Camp - Camp letters have been sent home and payment plans organised. If you are still interested in sending your child to camp your child can get the necessary information from their classroom teacher.

High School - Expression of interests for Year 6 students moving into government high schools in 2015 are due in very soon. If you need support with these please see myself or your child's classroom teacher. Wyong High School Year 7 selective class information has been sent home and is due back to your child's classroom teacher shortly.

Uniform - Please continue to send your child to school in correct school uniform. As the weather changes and we experience cooler mornings it is important that your child wears the correct coloured school jumper to show they are a proud student of Gorokan Public School.

Thank you Miss Weyling and 5/6C - It is great to be back after 2 weeks away. I would like to thank the excellent efforts of Miss Weyling who did an outstanding job while on 5/6C!
CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER 2014 – Week 7 Term 1

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EAGLE BOY’S PIZZA DAY - Harmony Day/Fun Day - Friday 21st March.
No late orders will be accepted for Eagle Boy's Pizza as we have already placed the order with them. Recess menu for this day is being advertised outside the canteen. Spiders (sugar free lemonade and ice cream) will be available for $2.00 at lunch time.

THERE WILL BE NO NORMAL LUNCH ORDERS ON FRIDAY 21ST MARCH.

P & C NEWS

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FUNDRAISER FOR DEZARAE JONES

When: Saturday 12th April at 6.00pm
Where: The Showroom at Wyong Rugby Leagues Club, Lake Haven Drive, Kanwal
Cost: $15 per adult - Kids under 15 gold coin donation

You are invited to a special fundraising night to help support Dezarae Maree Jones who is only 8 years old and is battling against Glioblastoma (Grade 4 brain cancer). Please show your support to this beautiful girl and her family by attending this fundraising night. This is non profit and all funds raised will go straight to Dezarae’s trust fund account to help alleviate their financial burden and medical costs.

Doors close at 7.00pm on the night. From 6.30pm onwards there will be live entertainment, trivia, auctions and raffles, kids entertainment, face painting, crazy hair, activities and games.
For more information or if you would like to get involved, or any local businesses that would be willing to show their support please contact: Sheridan Grealy on 0412957859 or Nicole Moore on 0448780001. www.facebook.com/fundraiser4dezaraejones

CENTRAL COAST MARINERS AFTERNOON AT GOROKAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

I give my child ......................................................... Class ................................
Permission to attend the Central Coast Mariners Clinic to be held at the school 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Signed ................................................................. Date .....................................