14 March 2014

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

Welcome

To our new permanent members of staff.

Laura Andriskis (Head Teacher Maths)
Ana Ariola (Maths)
Katrina Hand (Science)
Chris MacNamara (Maths)
John Glasson (Head Teacher Special Ed)

We also have a number of new and continuing temporary staff in the school for the year. Welcome to Ben Glachin, Emma Wiley, Emily Hennessy, Gareth Ross, Jason Riley and Megan Hawkins all of whom are relatively new to our school and are in on temporary blocks for the year.

Late to School / Class

Gorokan High School starts at 8.15am. 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.

With the cold weather approaching it is important to get your school jumpers now.

Cyber Safety / Awareness

Please ensure your children are safe online by using the appropriate filters and supervision on your home internet. It is all too easy for our kids to unwittingly get caught up giving out personal information over the internet. Simple things like ‘tagging’ and ‘checking in’ via Facebook can give undesirables their current location potentially putting them at risk of harm.

Congratulations

To our students who have represented the school so well in sport over the first few weeks of school. We have had the Zone Swimming Carnival, Open Boys and Girls Touch, Lawn Bowls, Boys and Girls Soccer and Baseball Teams all out competing against other schools. Thank you to the staff who take out the teams and to the staff who cover their classes on top of their normal classes back at school.

Good Luck

To Year 12 who are completing their Half Yearly Exams over the next couple of weeks, and to Year 11 who are completing their exams early next term.

Thank you

To Parents and Caregivers who have paid their subject contribution fees.

All staff for their hard work during First Term.

Sam Ricketts (Principal)

TECHNICAL & APPLIED STUDIES:

STUDENTS WORKING IN THE TAS FACULTY HAVE TO FOLLOW SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Please read the following information for your child to fulfil the practical component requirements of a course.

UNIFORM:

The Department of Education and Communities has a safety policy which states that footwear worn for practical classes must be impervious to liquids and completely enclosed leather shoes. Shoes are to have a “solid sole and firm uppers”. Students who wear joggers, open sandals or sandals will be involved in developing skills in other areas of the course and will not take part in practical lessons. This is also a mandatory requirement regarding uniform at Gorokan High School.

CONSUMABLE COSTS:

Students are required to pay the consumable cost of the course per year. This consumable cost covers the consumable resources that are used by your child to produce quality products. The purchase and preparation of the materials are done at a considerable cost saving to caregivers as the school takes advantage of competitive prices. Should parents / caregivers require financial support for the consumable cost they should contact the Head Teacher for support from the Student Assistance Scheme. I would like to conclude by stressing the importance of the consumable cost to the maintenance of the educational provisions for your child. If
unable to fulfil elective contributions, it may be advisable for your child to choose an alternative elective not requiring a cost or payment.

All elective contributions contribute to buying student resources; it would be appreciated if it could be paid before the end of Term 1. If there are any difficulties please see the Head Teacher.

Thank you in anticipation for your cooperation.

**TAS AT WORK:**

I am very proud to present these photos of what the TAS faculty has been able to achieve in a short amount of time. The focus for this term’s work is from classes in Engineering (from Year 9 to Year 12).

**Year 9 Engineering**

Year 9 students have been designing towers and have commenced their construction. It has been painstaking work, engineering each piece to reduce the stresses. Some very well-engineered towers are being produced, a real testament for our future Engineers.

**Year 12 Engineering Studies**

For their Assessment Task, the HSC students had to design a pylon out of lightweight construction sticks. They were required to engineer through a series of constraints. There are many very interesting engineered designs boasted on test-day, however, they all succumbed to the force of our hydraulic press. After all, it was a destructive test.

The Destructive Test. They were no match from the compression of the hydraulic press.

This year is already shaping up to be a really great year.

*Mr Russell Trimmer*
*Head Teacher TAS*

**Building the Ultimate Bobsled**

Now that the Winter Olympics in Sochi is over, it is interesting to look back and attest to the amazing technologies that made it possible. To maintain the competitive edge in the bobsled sport, America enlisted the support from BMW Group Designworks USA. As expected in the design brief was concern for the stability, control and drag reduction. Apart from the computer testing and training of the pilots, it was the importance of the engineer’s
choice of an autoclave-cured carbon-fibre body making it very strong and light. My Year 11 engineering students have been studying the engineering advantages of composites and how eventually they will be used in every form of high-end development. The price-tag for BMW’s involvement is hard to track down but sources seem to think it is around $23 million. And what is it like to pilot one? They say its “violent, noisy, and chaotic, it’s like steering a marble through a trip in the clothes dryer.”

Gorokan High School Library:
We have a large collection of FICTION and NONFICTION for educational, informational and recreational use. The library caters for all students with quiet reading areas as well as group work areas. There are 15 Desktop Computers as well as Laptops that are available for research and/or homework.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS:
We are open each day from 8am to 2.35pm but we are closed Recess, Thursday Week A and Recess, Friday Week B.

LIBRARY STAFF:
The library is staffed by 2 Library Assistants Mrs Brewster and Mrs Wiltshire and 1 Full Time Teacher Librarian Ms Powell who are able to help with locating resources, advice on the information process or reading recommendation’s.

BORROWING:
JUNIORS may borrow 2 Fiction and 2 Non-Fiction books
SENIORS may borrow 6 fiction and 6 non-fiction books as well as textbooks
Most resources can be borrowed for 2 weeks and can be renewed if required
Books may be returned any time between 8am and 2.35pm.
OVERDUE books results in suspension of borrowing rights until the overdue books are returned.
Our library uses the OASIS Library System students can search for resources using the school catalogue from any school computer or from home via student portal using the search tab with the Visit your school library online link.

PRINTING:
Printing is available in black and white 10c and colour 30. Please see the staff at the help desk for assistance. Or you can email your work to Ms Powell (samantha.powell@det.nsw.edu.au) and she will print it for you.

TIMETABLES:
Students can also have their Timetable reprinted at Recess or Lunch for 50c or laminated for $1.00.

SENIOR ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION:
Seniors need to submit assessment tasks at the Library on the due date prior to 8.15am. Plastic sleeves and orange submission forms are available under the stairs or you can print a submission form at home via the School Web Page.

BOOK CLUB:
Students can purchase books through Scholastic Book Club. The brochures are on display on the red table in the foyer of the library.

SUGGESTIONS:
Any fiction reading suggestions that you might like to see on the shelves at Gorokan High School Library please place your recommendation in the blue all notes box on the front counter.

Ms Samantha Powell
Librarian

Support Unit News
A New Start in 2014
This year sees major changes in the Support Unit at Gorokan High School. To accommodate a third class in the Support Unit, the classes have been relocated and a new staffroom built. This was carried out in the holidays with minimum disruptions.
The Support Unit welcomes a new Head Teacher, Jon Glasson along with class teacher Mrs Emily Hennesey and SLSO Mrs Dodkin for 2014.
On Wednesday 12th March the Support Unit teachers will be holding ITP Meetings with parents.
The MC Class and the BD Class have been busy planting out a new edge in our outdoor areas. We were very lucky to have new turf laid the day before all the rain so it has taken well.

MC News
This year we are continuing with weekly Swimming Lessons and a Music Class. We are incorporating a community access program by using public transport to travel to these classes. Busways have kindly assisted by supplying free bus travel for these trips.
Our swimming lessons were put to good use at our recent Swimming Carnival. Students who previously were classed as non-swimmers competed in the 50 m freestyle. Another 2 boys raced in the 100m for the first time.
Congratulations to Dane Boyd in our MC Class who was voted House Captain of Barnett. It was great to see Dane at the carnival getting in the spirit. Thanks to the large cheer squad who encouraged our students regardless of house.
IM News

We have started the year steadily and have a great new SLSO Mrs Dodkin. The IM Class is also participating in weekly music lessons, tennis lessons and cooking.

Our senior students are enjoying their new TAFE Courses at Ourimbah and Wyong TAFE. Students are involved in Hospitality, Furniture Making and Car Detailing Classes.

Maureen Smith
SLSO

Careers News

2014 has started off being very busy as newly enrolling Year 11 students have needed assistance with subject selections.

Year 9 students have been given Tax File Application Forms, which are to be returned to me at school for processing and they will have their Tax File Number within 5 weeks of me sending the forms away. By applying in Year 9 they are prepared in advance for looking for Causal Employment, needing to register with Centrelink or enrol for University when the time comes.

Word Workout – Word processing Course

I have started offering a Word Processing Course to Year 9 students. It is scheduled for 2 lunchtimes a week, over 4 weeks, to help them improve their skills ready for writing job applications and resumes and to prepare them for senior schooling demands.

Vocational Education Courses:

We have an increased number of students enrolled in TVET Courses this year as well as the VET Courses taught at school. Courses include: Animal Care, Assistant in Nursing – Aged Care, Hairdressing, Car Detailing, Children’s Services, Information Technology, Hospitality, Electrotechnology, Real Estate, Sport Recreation and Fitness.

The photo is of Dane Boyd who is studying the Hospitality Access Course. This was taken on his first day of TAFE.

By doing these courses they have the opportunity to find out about the industry standards for the career path they are considering and they can receive a dual qualification while studying for their HSC.

Senior students:

Year 11 and 12 students can access the Careers Resource Centre during their study periods, if it is a time when Ms Thompson is in the Office. The Centre is located between the Careers Room and the Careers Office.

- The students have the use of a computer with internet access so they can do career related research.
- I am available to assist them with research and also with writing job applications and resumes.

Parents are also welcome to make an appointment to access information about assisting their child with job applications, finding out about University Courses and how to apply, registering with group training companies and employment.

Year 12 – Advanced Notice:

On the night of Wednesday 4 June, I will be holding a U Need Information Session for Year 12 students who are eligible to get an ATAR and their parents to come to. Further details will be issued closer to the date.

Females in Engineering Talk:

On Friday 28th February we had a visit from 2 speakers from the UTS Recruitment Team for encouraging females to consider doing engineering as their career. They asked to see girls in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. As a group, the girls shared in having morning tea with the presenters and then they participated in the talk and were divided into 3 groups for a great hands-on activity. This was very insightful for the junior girls and left them with lots of “food for thought”.

Susanne Thompson
Careers Adviser

Sports Update:

There were several outstanding sporting achievements by Gorokan High School students and Teams towards the back end of 2013.

Beau Willet of Year 8 competed in the Central Coast District Golf Associations Schoolboy/Girl Championships at Gosford Golf Course. Beau came in 2nd place in the Under 15’s age...
group, hitting 77 for the round, which was only one shot behind the overall winner.

Our Opens Rugby League Team fell one game short of competing in the University Shield Grand Final at Oki Win Jubilee Stadium. The boys travelled to Bathurst for the final and went down 32-18 to Bathurst High who eventually beat Farrar in the Grand Final to become Champions of 2013. The boys were outstanding throughout the entire series and will be back bigger and better next year with this invaluable experience under their belt.

Our Under 15’s and 16’s Rugby League Teams competed in the Central Coast Seven a Side Tournament at Adcock Park. Both Teams managed to win their respective divisions without losing a game which is an outstanding effort considering their rivals of Wadalba and Brisbane Water Secondary College who have had Rugby League Programs in place for much longer than GHS.

We would like to formally acknowledge the Wyong Rugby League Club Group who has been tremendous in their support of our Rugby League Program over the past 2 years. The weekly use of their gym and fields, access to the Development Officer, sponsorship of training gear and playing kits as well as the donation of gym equipment which has formed the basis of our new fitness lab has all been put to great use and we can contribute your generosity to our recent success.

In 2013, The Tuggerah Lakes Zone has also commended several GHS students for their representation at Sporting Carnivals over several years as well as progression to Regional, State and National Levels in CHS Sports. These students include;

- **Kaneshia Murray** – Zone Blue 3years Sydney North Basketball
- **Corey Cameron** – Zone Achievement, Regional Athletics 3 years
- **Kallee Richardson** – Zone Blue, 2nd at State Long Jump
- **Brydon Ramien** – Zone Achievement, Regional XC and Athletics 4years
- **Nathan Doney** – Zone Blue, Under 15’s NSW School Boys Rugby League

The GHS Sport Department is looking to place more of an emphasis on the sporting achievements of our students through acknowledgement and encouragement. Our goal is to become more competitive from 2014 onwards. We have had two students’ progress to the Regional Swimming Carnival in 2014, Tara Wagstaff and Caleb Pora. Caleb was fortunate enough to be named Zone Swimming Under 15’s Champion which is an outstanding achievement for himself and GHS.

Our Knockout Competitions have got under way for 2014 and here are some of our results and awards for Most Valuable Players.

Opens Girls Touch – Beat Erina HS 8-1. MVP Jayme Fressard.

Opens Boys Volley – Lost to Narara Valley HS 3 sets to nil. MVP Andrew Spring
Opens Boys Cricket – Lost to Lisarow. MVP Zac Watkins and Zac Missingham
Mixed Lawn Bowls – Lost to TLSC. MVP Harry Waddington
Opens Basketball – Lost to Lisarow HS 43 -37. MVP Matthew Quin

### Upcoming Knockout Competitions for Term 1 include –

- **Rnd 2 Opens Girls Touch VS Terrigal HS (wk6)**
- **Opens Boys Baseball VS Terrigal HS (wk7)**
- **Opens Boys Softball VS Brisbane Water SC (wk 7)**
- **Girls Opens Cricket VS Wyong HS (wk7)**
- **Opens Boys/Girls Soccer VS Narrara Valley HS (wk7)**
- **Opens Girls Netball Gala Day (wk7)**
- **Opens Girls Squash VS Lisarow HS (wk7)**
- **Opens Boys Hockey VS Gosford HS (wk7)**
- **Boys and Girls Rugby League 7’s Gala Day (wk8)**
- **Opens Girls Water Polo Gala Day (wk8)**
- **Mixed Table Tennis Gala Day (wk10)**
- **Under 14’s Rugby League Buckley Shield Gala Day (wk10)**
- **Opens Rugby League University Shield Gala Day (wk11)**
- **Opens Girls Hockey VS TLSC (wk11)**

### 2014 House Captains

Another opportunity for leadership was eagerly taken up by GHS students and we have a number of popular student choices as our respective House leaders. The House system has been reinvigorated and is in its third year, going from strength to strength.

The 2014 Leaders are as follows:

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### School Swimming Carnival Report

The School’s Annual Swimming Carnival was again held at Wyong Olympic Pool. Students participated very keenly and most events had a number of heats throughout the day, an indication of the great support for this event by our students. A particular highlight of the day was the all age relay towards the end of competition in which students competed fiercely for their houses and the eventual winner was not determined until the last leg. It was a fantastic finish to a tremendous day of competition.
The 2014 Swimming House Champion trophy was won by Dixon.

Swimming Age Champions for 2014 were as follows:

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<td>Jade Hawes</td>
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<td>Grace Harris</td>
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<td>Swimming Champions</td>
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Congratulations to Age Champions and you will be duly rewarded at our End of Year Presentation Assemblies.

**CAPA News**

Things are off to a flying start for CAPA in 2014. We have many exciting creative arts opportunities on offer this year. As a faculty we try to give our students the best opportunities in order for them to be not only engaged in education but also to enable all students to succeed. In order to do this, our Department relies on student contributions together with global funding to help us deliver quality education. Our Department’s success is evident in the consistently outstanding results received by GHS CAPA HSC students. Therefore, we would appreciate your support in paying your contribution fees or part thereof. We all understand financial constraints do happen to all of us and if this is the case for your family, please write or telephone the Class Room Teacher or Head Teacher CAPA, in order for us to put a suitable plan in place.

**IN MUSIC NEWS:**

This year we welcome Mr Ross who joins Ms Reeder and Mrs Mackinnon teaching Music. Year 7 have settled into their Music Classes well and have enjoyed the new experiences the Music Classroom brings. They have already commenced assessment on the drums. Year 9 & 10 Elective Music classes are developing their skills and knowledge. Senior students are already busily preparing for assessment and exams with HSC Half Yearly Exams scheduled to take place this Term in Weeks 10 & 11 and Preliminary Half Yearly Exams in early Term 2.

This year CAPA is excited to be introducing a number of programs; including an Instrumental Peripatetic Program. This is a program that enables students to access quality affordable instrumental tuition conducted on school grounds. These 30 minute lessons would be made available to students before, during and after school. We hope to have this program established by the end of this term and more information will be available once a timetable of available lessons has been formed. We also envisage opportunities for ensemble programs to commence early Term 2 in Visual Arts and Photography news.

Visual Arts classrooms are already a hive of activity Year 8 are enjoying their first taste of Art in high school and classes are busy developing drawing skills with a focus on line and tone explored through the topic of “portraiture”. The Year 9 elective Photography and Digital Media and Visual Art classes including the brand new one, Year Modern Art Course are learning new and exciting concepts and developing skills and an understanding and appreciation for artist’s work and art movements. We are looking forward to offering students a diverse range of opportunities including the following excursions;

- March 24th- ARTEXPRESS at the Art Gallery of NSW available to Visual Arts students from Year 12, 11, 10 & 9
- May 28th- Biennale of Sydney on Cockatoo Island available to Photography and Digital Media students from Year 12, 11, 10 & 9
- July 28th- The Archibald Prize at the Art Gallery of NSW available to Visual Arts students from Year 8

We also plan to run After School Workshops again this year specialising in ceramics, painting, drawing and mixed media and are looking forward to our enrichment day running again this year after it was so excellently received last year.

**IN DRAMA NEWS:**

CAPA welcomes Ms McGree and Mrs Sharp to the faculty, they have taken on GHS Drama Classes with great enthusiasm and classes are responding well. HSC students are hard at work on their IEPs and Ms Sharp is working to guide them in the right direction. The Drama Room has had a coat of paint and now provides the students with an excellent performance space in which to workshop their plays, monologues and performances.

Keep an eye on the school website and the notice board outside the CAPA Staffroom for upcoming creative arts opportunities.

_Erin Osborne_  
_Rel HT CAPA_

**PDHPE Faculty News:**

There has been a tremendous beginning to the year for students of GHS PDHPE. Most students in Years 7-10 have undergone a battery of fitness tests. It is very pleasing to see the interest most students take in seeing how fit they are, if they have progressed from the previous year and how they compare to National averages for their age group. It is certainly a good starting point to becoming physically active every day.

Since completing these tests students have moved onto different movement application areas in PE and are enthusiastically learning about a variety of Personal Development and Health concepts in their respective theory lessons. Students are reminded that they have been given information by their Class Teacher about when theory and
practical classes are timetabled during the week. As GHS is a uniform wearing school it is vitally important that students ensure they are fully prepared for learning (theory or practical) by ensuring the correct equipment is available for them on the given day. Essentially, students must ensure their Sport/PE Uniform is packed for practical lessons and that they change into this for their practical lessons. If a student’s PE Uniform is unavailable for practical lessons then they are strongly advised to bring a note from home explaining reasons for the lack of uniform and also a change of clothes in which they can be physically active. A note is also strongly recommended if students are injured or unwell.

We are also pleased to see students in their new elective classes for 2014. Year 9 students were given the opportunity to choose from new electives including Dance and Outdoor Pursuits. It is pleasing that a Dance Class has been working hard at establishing itself and students are gaining valuable insights into the elements of movement required for this new subject. Additionally, two classes of Outdoor Pursuits have been established and students are readily adapting to the new challenges set before them in this new challenging and exciting area. I’m sure there will be more news from these subject areas across the year.

Science News

Science would like to welcome all students back to school and hope for a safe and productive year, whereby all students try to do and be the best that they can.

Science would also like to welcome Ms Katrina Hand to the faculty. Ms Hand is an experienced, Science Teacher and she has taken up a full time position at Gorokan High, which was vacated with the leaving of Mr Wrightson.

All students in Science should be or will be receiving assessment tasks very soon. Please encourage your student to complete these tasks, as they form the basis of school reports and determine whether the student is meeting required course outcomes.

Junior Assessment Tasks

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SENIOR ASSESSMENT TASKS:

Year 11 Biology – Research task
Year 11 Senior Science – 1st hand investigation task
Year 11 Physics – motion analysis task
Year 11 Chemistry – Practical analysis task
Year 11 Half Yearly Examinations, Week 2, Term 2.
Year 12 – Half Yearly Examinations Week 11.

HSC Chemistry and Physics Revision Courses are available through Science Foundation Online. These courses are run by outside providers and must be paid for by the enrolling student. These courses are on offer during the 1st Term, school holidays. See the Science noticeboard or Mrs Macauley for more information, if interested.

Year 11 Biology students visited the Australian Museum on Friday 7th March. The purpose of the excursion was to familiarise ourselves with the activities of a Palaeontologist. Students gained valuable insights into the use of fossils and how they help to develop our understanding of the history of the earth.

Students at the Australian Museum

Year 12 – Biology and Senior Science students visited the UNSW, Museum of Human Disease.

Giant Short Faced Kangaroo (Procoptodon), greeted students as they entered the Education Unit at the Museum.

The students were greeted by the Procoptodon at the Museum

The Science & Engineering Challenge will be held next month. This challenge is available to Year 10 students; it is an opportunity to test their skills against local schools. This annual event is held by the University of Newcastle. For further information please contact Mr Watson.

Lyn Macauley
HT SCIENCE
Gifted and Talented Students Unit

We welcome all of our students to this new school year.

Last year during Term 4 the GATS Unit was very busy. During this Term, the GHS Academic Olympics were run successfully by a group of Year 9 and 10 students. On the day, Year 7 and Year 8 groups were competing for gold, silver and bronze medals.

Academic Olympics 2013

The winners of the Academic Olympics were:

**Gold Medallists:** Caleb Douglass, Caleb Pora, Thailah Pritchard and Isaac Pereboeff.

Silver Medallists: Joshua Pearson, Hayley Sherry, Jessica Allport, Jennifer Mendes, Tara Ugur and Jennifer Sawada-Jorgenson

Bronze Medallists: Emily Mcbride, Kristina Smith, Chloe Jones, Sophie Bradshaw, Tylah Russo and Zali Wall.

Congratulations to all the participants. It was a busy, challenging and enjoyable day. Thanks to all the students in Year 9 who had developed the tests, activities and take care of the tally for the event to run smoothly without issues.

On Term 4, 2013 some teachers willing to teach the Selective Classes were attending training session in gifted and talented education. Those sessions have enhanced the awareness of the participant teachers about gifted students and consequently the teachers have developed new skills and strategies for their classes.

We are coming back to 2014 Term 1 events now. This Term the new students in Year 7 A stream class, are learning to be organised across subjects and around the school. Many of the students are still a little bit lost but teachers are helping them to overcome the normal obstacles that the beginning of high school brings to them.

On the 26th February parents from the Selective and A Stream Classes in Year 7 have attended a meeting with Dr Rudmann and Mrs Paul (Year 7 Advisor) to discuss how gifted students learn and cope with social interactions in high school. The workshop was very successful. Parents were sharing their concerns about the educational and social lives of their children at GHS and the night finished with very positive outcomes for them. Thank you for attending and keep in touch with the school.

The GATS Challenge for Year 7P and 8P is taking shape. The GATS Challenge will take place close to the end of Term 1. Students will be notified soon.

At the end of this Term the Academic Olympics for Year 5 and 6 coming from our local primary schools is planned. The Stage 3 Academic Olympics will be a friendly, fun Academic Competition with challenging activities in the areas of English, Maths, Science and Technology and HSIE. We are looking forward for the enthusiastic participation of our primary school.

During Term 2 our “Focus” Photography Competition will happen. So, get your cameras and be creative. The categories are: landscape, sports, portraiture and special effects. More details are coming in the Daily Bulletin.

Finally, the ICAS Maths, Science and English Competitions from the University of New South Wales are coming next Term. Notes to register in those competitions are going to be handed out in class soon.
The dates and costs of the UNSW-ICAS competitions are as follow:

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If you as a parent have any concerns about academic issues in your child’s Selective Class, please contact the GATS unit by phone 02 4393 7000 or by email silvia.rudmann@det.nsw.edu.au. Keeping in touch with the school will enhance your child’s learning.

**Dr Silvia Rudmann**  
GATS Co-ordinator

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**Rock Pool Rambles Dates for April 2014:**

- Monday, 14th April Norah Head
- Thursday, 17th April Toowoon Bay
- Thursday, 24th April Terrigal Haven
- Sunday, 27th April Terrigal Haven

**Bookings:** please phone OCCI on 0450 990 995

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**Gorokan Dance Centre:**

Joan Miller, an experienced Dance Teacher of some 30 years in the areas of Latin, Ballroom and New Vogue, has established a small but growing Dance Centre in one of the GHS Halls. Some of our students have taken up the new initiative on Monday afternoons from 2:45pm-3:30pm, and Joan is extremely happy to take on any other students who would like to give it a go. Classes for students are $36 for an 8 Week Course. Joan is also offering a Pre-teen (6-12years) Course for the same price. Lastly, Joan has an Adults Beginner Course available. See the flyer within this newsletter for further information and contact details.

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**Rock Pool Rambles:**

Ocean & Coastal Care Initiatives will again be running our popular free Rock Pool Rambles on Central Coast Beaches during the April School Holidays. These walks are very informative, fun and educational and are excellent for students of Marine Studies and Biology.

Walks are led by trained OCCI Members. All participants must wear shoes and be accompanied by an adult if under 16 yrs. Bookings are essential.

Thank you,

Jeannie Lawson

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