



SUPPORT UNIT NEWSLETTER

February, 2014

Currently Mrs Kristie Pafumi (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and Mrs Rhonda Rossetti (Monday, Tuesday) are sharing the position of Relieving Head Teacher while Mr Roy Goodenough has taken up a temporary position at a neighbouring high school. We are pleased that Mr Glasson has settled in to his new position as Head Teacher Support at Gorokan High School and thank him for all the help and support he has given to our students as the Relieving Head Teacher in the past.

We welcome the Multicat class and their teacher, Mrs Beth Murray, who has moved from Hopetown SSP. This class is now located in the room formerly used by the BD class, which has moved to Gorokan High School with Mr Glasson.

Other classes within the Support Unit are : - the Junior Class with Mrs Fiona Hillock (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) and Mrs Louky Parkes (Wednesday and Thursday),
- the Middle Class with Mr Tony Quodling,
- the Senior Class with Miss Alex Milne
- Studies (ED) Class with Mr Clayton Moriceau (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and Mrs Rhonda Rossetti (Monday, Wednesday)

It is pleasing that all the classes and staff are supported by a Student Learning Support Officer to enable more individual attention given to students within each of these classes.

As part of the timetable allocation this year, we are fortunate to have staff trained in specialist areas such as Metalwork, Food Technology, Art, PDHPE and Science working with several of the classes to supplement the lessons planned by their classroom teachers.

As you are aware students in the school are required to pay fees. The cost of these General Fees is \$100.00 for the year and can be paid each term to the accounts office at the front office. In addition to this, students in some of the classes (not Middle class) undertake a program of basic cooking as part of the Technology units of work. As a result, students are asked to pay \$3.00 each week or \$30 each term to help cover the cost of ingredients used in these lessons. Classroom teachers will notify parents when this money is required and money may be paid directly to the accounts office or to the classroom teacher.

It is pleasing to have some students involved in integration into mainstream classes and some Year 11 and 12 students undertaking courses run by Hunter TAFE at the Wyong Campus as part of their studies. Please be aware that many of these courses also have fees associated with them to cover the cost of items required for that particular subject.

All students from the Senior class are involved in an 'in school' work experience program, 'Super Summer Salads', which involves students being involved in stocktaking, shopping, pre-

paring, cooking, packaging and delivering salad orders to staff across the school. Profits from this activity are banked for purchases to support ongoing work experiences and skill training for the students.

Somes classes are involved in an access program within the community, which teaches travel training and basic shopping skills, as well as making the students more familiar with resources within the school's local community.

We do ask that students arrive no earlier than 8.00am as supervision is provided at this time. Students are then required to walk in the gate and go to the ramp area until the bell goes for Roll Call.

We would like to thank parents and caregivers in advance for their support in attending the ITP meetings for Year 10, 11 and 12 students. These meetings have been scheduled with their respective classroom teachers and Mrs Tracey Scheitel, who is the Support Teacher Transition with the Department of Education during weeks 7, 8 and 9. Other ITP meetings for students in Years 8 and 9 will be scheduled later in the term.

If parents have any concerns, please contact the school (43 900 55) to make a mutually convenient time to discuss these issues.

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