



Goulburn High School News

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SHEEP SHOW SUCCESS

Lining up a bunch of sheep for judging isn't as easy as it looks in this picture, as Ms Hope's year 9 students found out last term at the Holbrook Sheep Show and Wool Fair. (cont. p5)

ROAR AND SNORE IN SYDNEY

Every year, Mr. Falconer takes his year 12 Biology class to Taronga Zoo in Sydney for an overnight excursion to sleep amongst the animals. This highly educational sleepover gives students the opportunity to watch the nocturnal animals. Students are invited to handle snakes and other reptiles, but only the brave volunteered. (cont. p3)



SOCCER MADNESS AT GHS

Thanks to Mr. Stoveelaar and Mr. Boyd, GHS students and teachers enjoyed the lunch time activity of playing soccer at the oval. (cont. p4)



Principal's Report

Welcome back to the start of Term 3. This will be the last official term for Year 12 as they prepare for their final exams in October. The Junior toilets are now refurbished and we are just waiting to have them connected to our rainwater tanks, which were made available through the Green Voucher Program. Once connected it will reduce our dependence on the town water system.

Congratulations to our blood donors on a wonderful result in the local Blood Bank Competition. Our school was successful in winning the best percentage per student population and narrowly missed out on the overall number of donations.

Students in Years 7 to 10 received their reports during the last week of last term. If you did not receive a copy of your child's report, please contact the school and we will mail out a copy.

Thank you to Ms Hope and her staff for organising the annual ski trip. From all reports there was limited snow for the first time in many years, but the students were still able to have fun.

A reminder to Year 12 students who are seeking early entry to university: your performance during the Trial HSC exams is critical. Many universities require you to provide a copy of your results.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

What is the SRC? The SRC consists of students who are democratically elected by all students in the school. It works as an advocate for the structures which need to be set in place to address the needs of the school community. The SRC addresses relevant issues and sets achievable goals which support a whole school approach.

Aims: The SRC aims to

- develop leadership skills
- ensure students' views are heard in decision making processes
- empower students to contribute towards a positive school culture
- strengthen the school community through active participation.

Outcomes: Students will

- examine democratic processes
- know and understand their school's organisation
- contribute to positive school culture
- participate in decision making about their own learning
- develop positive relationships with others
- develop and model appropriate leadership characteristics
- demonstrate responsible participation
- value the contributions of others.

The school community

- will have a student voice to address issues relevant to the school
- have students who represent the school to the outer community.

Nominations are now open for the SRC. If a student would like to nominate a fellow student or themselves, please see Mrs Eagles in the Mathematics Department for a form. Applications for nominations will be open until 19th August 2010.

The new SRC team will inducted at the formal assembly on Tuesday 24th August.



WAVE! WE ARE BIOLOGISTS

On the 24th May, the year 12 Biology class set off to Sydney for our overnight Zoo Snooze. Before arriving at Taronga Zoo, we went to the Museum of Human Diseases at the University of NSW, where we saw a number of displays of donated body parts affected by diseases of all kinds, from Smallpox to Cryptococcosis. Due to privacy reasons, there were no cameras allowed.

We then made our way to Taronga Zoo, where we spent the afternoon exploring and observing the animals. After a BBQ dinner, we were taken to the Education Centre where we were shown the effects of poaching and got closer with some of the smaller zoo animals.

The highlight of the excursion was of course the night tour, where we saw the animals that spend the day snoozing. The most exciting were the snow leopards, who stalked us from the inside of their enclosure. We spent the night sleeping alongside some huge snakes, but luckily, the girls were with fully enclosed animals, unlike the boys who had a 'lizard pit' in their room.

The next morning we spent some more time meeting animals, including a very cuddly koala, which was hand-raised at the zoo. After a last wander around the zoo, we headed to the bus for our journey home. The class would like to give a huge thank you to Mr. Falconer and Miss Bailey for the whole excursion.

Kate Whittington & Shauna Adams

photos by Emma Killeen



GHS LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEAM

The GHS Literacy and Numeracy Team is made up of staff representatives from each faculty and chaired by the Deputy Principal. Our primary concern is to evaluate the school's current situation in regards to our students' acquisition of literacy and numeracy skills and identify, develop and implement plans to enhance future outcomes in these areas.

So far, the team has met 6 times and we have considered a number of issues including incoming student data, NAPLAN results and our current programs and goals. The team has been preparing and presenting training and development programs to the whole staff and this will continue into Term 3.

Term 3 Focus Areas:

Numeracy: Whole school review of numeracy outcomes across the curriculum and development of a template for embedding numeracy outcomes within each learning area.

Literacy: Building on Term 1 & 2 work of improving sentence structure, grammar and comprehension skills and review of literacy requirements for Year 7.

School Priorities: Development and submission of applications for grants with the National Partnership Programs. If successful, this funding will help us to continue to develop programs already running in the school and possibly allow us to extend these programs.



SOCCER MADNESS AT LUNCH TIME

With World Cup fever gripping the whole world, Goulburn High held its own World Cup competition to share in the passion of football. Over 200 students and 16 teachers participated in the event. Enthusiasm was high during the group games, as both Australia and the Netherlands opened to shock losses to Germany and Japan respectively.

After 12 group games, we found our four semi-finalists. Japan, who qualified undefeated to the second round of the tournament, came up against Australia, who turned the tournament around after their initial loss. Japan, lead by Mr O'Connor and Nick Crawford, was supremely confident of a win and was supported by a legion of year 11 fans. Japan took an early lead in the match and doubled their advantage against Australia soon after. Despite encouragement from Australia's captain Richard Joyce, the game seemed all but over until Australia scored a dramatic goal to make it 2-1 to Japan. With less than a minute to play, Mr O'Connor inexplicably missed a clearance and allowed Mrs Meylan to sneak in for a goal. With goals scored by the ladies being worth two goals during the tournament, Australia progressed to the final.

In the semi-final between Serbia and Germany, both teams were evenly matched. Serbia, led by Mr Stroud and Luke Hartin, threw everything at Germany who were determined to win. Deep into injury time, the skilful players of Germany came to the fore and Sawn Tui Cung and James Dennis combined to score the winner in golden goal.

The final, although passionate, was not as close as the earlier games. Australia, supported heavily by the crowd waving banners, could not muster the same game plan as in the semi-final and were outplayed by their opponents. Germany had done their homework with the leading goal scorer in the tournament, Mrs Meylan, being closely marked by Mr Boyd and Mr Carroll. Despite a 0-0 score line at half time, Germany bagged three goals in the second half to deflate Australia, who were experiencing déjà vu of the meeting of the two teams in the FIFA world cup.

Congratulations to the winners: James Dennis, Alphonso Karbehl, Beauty Gonkarnue, Robbie Pa Sang, Rem Pari Pa Sang, Natu Dennis, Emily Saul, Winifred Quiah, Zour Dennis, Sawn Tui Cung, Manboy Matu and John Nakhonwan, who all received a \$15 gift voucher to Sports Power in town and to James Dennis as the captain of the winning team which received the winning trophy. A big thankyou to all of the teachers and students who participated, general assistant Dave Wheatley for drawing up the grounds and Nathan Charnock, Lachlan Lewin, Josh Fenwick, Jesse Schofield, Jordan Orr, Damon Deaton and Luke Byrne who took the time to referee the games. Many of these boys spend their weekends refereeing games locally for the STFA in town.

Arjuna Stovelaar

YOUTHSPEAK! ENGAGING YOUTH IN THE UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE

If you are between 13-18 years old and are interested in your community and its future, then the Upper Lachlan Shire would like to invite you to a Youth Retreat on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September, 2010. This opportunity is for 25 young people from our community to participate in the YOUTHSPEAK Forums.

This program is run by youth for youth and will engage young people and give them the opportunity to voice what they like about their community and what they would improve given the chance and opportunity! The weekend has been funded by the Minister of Youth NSW Government.

Weekend Details:

Date: Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th September 2010

Accommodation: Wombeyan Caves Bunkhouse – bring your own bedding

Times: Depart Saturday 7.30am in front of Crookwell High School. Return Sunday 3.30pm in front of Crookwell High School

Meals: All meals provided

How to Apply: Phone Council's Receptionist (Ph: 4830 1000) and register your name and contact details before 31st August, 2010.

Once registered, there is an obligation that you attend.

The first 25 names registered will be the attendees.

An information pack will be posted to you after you register.



SHEEP SHOW AND WOOL FAIR IN HOLBROOK ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR GHS AGRICULTURE STUDENTS



At the beginning of 2010, Miss Hope's year 9 Agriculture class began preparing 2 rams and 6 ewes for the 2010 Holbrook Sheep Show and Wool Fair.

Preparing these animals included training them to stand square, and walk calmly and responsively with a halter and lead rope. Recently, students and parents left Goulburn at 5.00 am to attend the show. Students camped on the Holbrook Show ground for 2 days.

The students participated in junior judging, wool and meat sheep judging. A Third Place was gained by one of the rams in the Schools' Class, lead by Tayla Parsons. Tayla and Brendon Orchard gained a Third Place with their pair of rams in the Schools' Class. Beatrice Falconer gained a Third Place with her ewe in the Novice Two Tooth Class.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Clancy, Mrs Bradley, Mr Parsons and Mr and Mrs Livingston for their time in helping out with travel and food. A huge thank you to Ms Hope for all her time spent helping prepare the year 9 Agriculture class for the show.

Regards, Miss Hope's year 9 Agriculture class.

ABRAM KARA'S INTERVIEW WITH MR. HEATH RUSSELL WHO SADLY LEFT GHS

Rusty, you are leaving us for good. What inspired you to become a teacher? *Well Abram, I always really liked school and sport. I thought to myself, why not combine those passions and become a PE teacher?*

What is your most memorable moment at GHS? *Definitely the Great Barrier Reef Excursions with the Year 11s.*

What do you like most about teaching? *Everyday is different and I enjoy the interaction with students and building those relationships in a positive way.*

If you weren't teaching, what would you be doing? *I'd like to think I'd be playing AFL or sitting on a beach and surfing. Most probably something with sport.*

Which subject did you enjoy teaching more: Maths or PE? *I enjoyed both. I am trained as a PE teacher, so that's my passion, but I had a lot of good times in Maths. GHS gave me a chance to teach outside my expertise. I am thankful for the opportunity.*

What are your plans for the future? *I'm moving to Newcastle and then I'm looking at going overseas travelling. I had a great time at GHS and I will miss you all.*

Thank you, Mr. Russell. All the best in the future.





GLAMA lunchtime activities are continuing this term with

Monday - Kite flying (if windy)
 Tuesday - Skipping
 Wednesday - Dancing
 Thursday - Circus Skills & Boxing

Absolute Fitness has changed their after school program. They will now be running Zumba on a Tuesday afternoon at 4 pm. This will be \$7 and looks like great fun. Of course, this replaces the Wednesday afternoon class that ran last term.

Year 9 girls will now be venturing out into the community to participate in a variety of activities. Week 2 they were enjoying Zumba at Absolute Fitness. There will be a cost involved with these activities.

On Friday week 2, the girls were fitted with their accelerometers for one week. This will measure the amount of physical activity they participate in. It will be interesting to see if they have improved in the last 12 months.

On Friday week 3, Ms Gearside will be back and as a one-off opportunity will be offering dance at lunchtime in the hall.

**Watch this space for upcoming
 GLAMA news.**

CAREERS INFORMATION

This is a most important time for Year 10 & 12 students making career path choices. Information to support students and parents is arriving daily and students are reminded to visit the Careers Resource Room and listen to daily notices to ensure that they don't miss out on valuable opportunities.

Information received recently includes:-

Australian Jobs 2010 report issued by the Dept. of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, which provides valuable information about the current labour market ... for example

Does further study increase my chances of getting a job ?

Yes – the unemployment rate for workers who finished school with Yr 10 as their highest qualification was 10.4%, compared with 7.1% for people who completed Yr 12, 4.3 % for those with Cert III or IV qualifications and 3.4% for people who completed a Bachelor degree.

There was also information regarding:

Blue Scope Steel Cadetships – for students interested in all areas of Engineering.

Australian Public Service YR 12 Graduate Program - working with the Department of Broadband, Communications - for those keen on working with computers (ATAR not essential)

Australian Veterans Children's Trust Yr 12 Scholarship details

Open Day & Early Entry programs for most Tertiary Institutions in this area.

YR 12 – UNIVERSITY INFO EVENING

Everything you need to know ... Mulwaree High School 5th August, 6pm.

e-ME ? Goulburn High School is piloting this fabulous on-line program where students will be able to develop an employment profile, resumes and career and transition plans. A Parent Information session will be held at the next P&C meeting ... be informed.

OZJAC – CORRECTION

Correction : The user name for this site was printed incorrectly in the last newsletter. it is...

Username : goulburnhs Password: ozjacstudents

Log on to www.ozjac.com.au or follow the link on the school's Sentral page.



NEWS FROM LUCO'S SPORTS DESK



SOUTH COAST KNOCKOUT

At this time we have two teams still involved in the NSW CHS Knockout Competition. Our open boys' softball team are currently in the top eight in the state and will be playing in the final series in August.

The open boys' hockey team need to win their next game in order to qualify for the finals. A victory in this game would also place them in the top eight in the state. We wish both teams good luck in their endeavours.

CROSS COUNTRY

Four of our junior boys (year 7) ran at the Combined Schools Cross Country Championship last Friday at Eastern Creek. It was a very competitive age group with 110 participants in the race. Although the boys did not finish in the top three positions, we are extremely proud of their efforts and they should be happy with their achievements. We would like to extend our congratulations to Aaron Skelly, Gus Andrews, Luke Soley and Rory Heffernan.

BOWLING

Ellen Ryan and Tracy-Lee Swift travelled to Warilla Bowling Club to compete in the Combined NSW High Schools' Lawn Bowls competition. They competed in the singles and both played extremely well. Ellen made it to the semi-finals, winning five of her seven games and was fourth overall. Tracy-Lee came third in her section and was very pleased with how she performed.

Congratulations to all those who were involved in the Zone Athletics Carnival. As soon as we receive the results from the day, we will inform those students who qualified to represent our school and zone at the regional carnival.

Peter Lucas

NSW PREMIER'S STUDENT VOLUNTEERING AWARDS



ATTENTION ALL YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDENTS

The NSW Premier's Student Volunteering Awards Program encourages all students to undertake a minimum of 20 hours of volunteering during the time they are enrolled in Years 9 and 10.

What you probably don't realise is that a lot of you already volunteer – and this is a way to get recognised for it! If you are in the SRC, help out at the canteen, are a tutor in the library in roll call or a peer mentor in the 'Chill Out Sessions' – you have already been volunteering and this can be counted in your hours. And that's just in school ...

Year 9 and 10 students were spoken to by Mr Russell last term. It is now time for action!

Collect a booklet from Mrs Randall in the PE staffroom and get started today.

What's on this term

2nd August	Year 11 Hospitality & Retail work placement (5 days)
5th August	Year 10 & 11 Canberra Careers Market
	Year 12 University info night at the RSL - 7pm
6th August	Regional Athletics Carnival
	Year 9 Girls in Sport—accelerometers collected
	Jeans for Genes day
9th August	Year 12 HSC Trials (2 weeks)
14th August	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award excursion at Nattai (2 days)
17th August	TVET HSC Trials during TAFE classes
24th August	Proposed Formal Assembly period 2
27th August	Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Excursion at Kurnell
28th August	Goulburn's Got Talent! (7pm—GHS hall)
2nd Sept.	National All Breeds Heifer Show (4 days)
	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition at Tarlo (3 days)
	Year 7 girls HPV & 2nd Hep B and
	Year 7 boys Hep B vaccinations periods 1 & 2
3rd Sept.	Legacy Badge Day
6th Sept.	Year 11 Preliminary Exams (start week 8 to 15th Sept.)
16th Sept.	Year 11 Great Barrier Reef Excursion
23rd Sept.	Year 12 Graduation Assembly

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P & C dates for 2010

Wednesday 11th of August (changed venue: C9)

Wednesday 8th of September

Wednesday 10th of November *social dinner meeting*

Meetings commence at 7.00pm in the common room downstairs in M Block. Any alterations to this will be published in the GHS News.

Members must be financial to vote and receive minutes by email.