



Goulburn High School News

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Year 12 Major Work presentations

All HSC students handed in their Visual Arts, Photography and Woodwork portfolios for marking. Drama students presented their individual and group performances, as have the Music students while a collective sigh was heard across GHS—it's over!

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Induction Assembly to introduce 2012 School Leaders

With at least four former school captains present, our new School Captains, Prefects, SRC and Peer Support Leaders were officially introduced to all students, teachers, family and friends. Mayor Geoff Kettle handed out awards.

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Boori Monty Prior dazzles our junior students—again

On his second visit to Goulburn High School, Aboriginal Author, Boori Monty Prior, had the students in fits of laughter. He demonstrated how to play the didgeridoo, told hilarious stories about growing up with three 'evil' sisters and became quite emotional when asked about his recent award. He was humbled and surprised by his win, and when the Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, called to congratulate him, he became emotional and cried. What a wonderful success for a man who's been writing children's stories for years.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As Term 3 comes to an end, this will be the last newsletter for our current Year 12 students. After 13 years of formal education, this week will be the last time they will have regular lessons with their teachers. On behalf of the school community we wish them all the success in their upcoming HSC exams.

By the time you read this newsletter, Year 11 will be in Cairns on their excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. This is wonderful opportunity for our students and staff.

Last week, we inducted our new leaders for 2012 at the Leadership Induction Assembly. Thank you to all those parents and friends who attended. I am looking forward to working closely with the leaders in the near future.

A very successful Year 6 to 7 transition program was conducted last week with a series of "Taster" lessons for the students. These lessons gave an insight into what it will be like to be in high school. Thank you to Ms Bailey and Mrs Reece for their organisation.

Students in Years 8 and 10 will have their elective classes finalised for next year by the end of the term. Mrs Kennedy will interview students shortly to discuss their choices.

NAPLAN results were sent home this week to students in Years 7 and 9. The school is provided with the overall performance of all students and we use this information to develop learning and support programs for students with numeracy and literacy needs.

Planning for our 100 year celebrations is well underway, with a number of committees meeting to organise a range of activities. If you would like to help in any way please contact the school.

Peter Browne

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A 2011 VOUCHER FOR A PREVENTATIVE DENTAL CHECK FOR YOUR TEENAGER UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH TEEN DENTAL PROGRAM?

Do you know that the Goulburn public dental clinic employs a registered dental therapist who can provide dental treatment for people up to the age of 18 years?

Do you know that if you have received a dental voucher from Medicare for a preventive dental check that you can use your voucher and have a dental therapist provide the service for you at the Goulburn clinic? The vouchers are only valid for the calendar year in which they are issued.

To use this service you will need to call the oral health intake service on **1 800 450 046** to register. You need to advise staff that you have a Medicare Teen Dental Program voucher. There are some clinics that do have a waiting list and at others you will receive an appointment quite quickly. You will need to take your voucher and your Medicare card to your appointment. The public dental clinic will bulk bill so you won't have to pay.



FIELD WORK EXCURSION AT CRONULLA BEACHES

The year 10 fieldwork excursion to Cronulla presented students with a unique opportunity to experience first-hand the nature and management of a coastal environment.

An early start on a cold morning in Goulburn was not the ideal conditions for a day at the beach, as students who wore shorts quickly found out. After a short trip down the highway, we found ourselves in Cronulla and ready for our first chance to examine the fragile balance of intertidal wetlands. The Mangrove Boardwalk looked almost as fragile as the ecosystem itself and allowed students to move amidst the mangroves and to look out to Botany Bay and beyond. They gained an appreciation for how mangroves function and the impact of human activity on this fragile environment.

From the mangroves, we moved to Silver Beach where we had the opportunity to examine the groynes on Silver Beach, which were established to stop long-shore drift and deposition move to the centre of the bay. This vital management strategy was put in place to keep Botany Bay open to cargo ships and support Australian industry. Students drew sketch maps of the groynes and paced out the distance between the groynes to fully appreciate the extent of this government funded coastal management strategy.

Cronulla Beach and lunch was the next stop as students had the opportunity to pause and take in some food and drink. The sun began to shine and the scenic nature of this famous beach was on full display. Work needed to be completed however, as students needed to answer questions about high impact waves on coastal landforms. The students completed a field sketch of the area and noted the proximity of development to the coast.

During the day, the students gained a sense of the stresses that various human activities can have on coastal environments, such as sandmining, the landfill, the sewerage treatment plant, the desalination plant, the oil refinery, the port, housing development and infrastructure. Having experienced firsthand the ethereal mangroves and beautiful Cronulla beach, they appreciated the importance of managing the coast so its utility is preserved for future generations.

The day was a great success and the fieldwork was very beneficial to year 10 students who will sit their School Certificate exams next term. The behaviour and enthusiasm of the students made the day very pleasant for all teachers involved. Big thanks to Mr Chin and Mr Mani for organising the excursion. Special thanks to Mr McMahon for his expertise on the Cronulla region and for his help in putting together the fieldwork task.

Mr Stoevelaar



YEAR 12 DRAMA PERFORMANCE EVENING

Is the Internet addictive? This was the topic that Year 12 Drama students explored on the 4th August in their group performance and presented to their families and friends as part of their Trial examination. Rebecca Eldridge, Polly Hazelton, Michael Philp and Peitta Potter created the performance from scratch and showcased the skills they have developed in devising, acting and staging a slice of theatre for an audience.

In addition to the group performance, the audience was entertained with a variety of individual performances. These included a dramatised version of the poem "The Raven", an emotive portrayal of a young girl with a serious illness, a paranoid doll maker and a humorous view into a Year 1 class room with a teacher imparting questionable knowledge to her students.

The evening provided students with the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and has helped prepare them for their presentations of the same performances in front of the HSC markers on the 2nd September.

Mrs Liz Mackay



Year 12 Major project in Photography (Taylor Medway—top left) and Major Visual Arts projects, clockwise from top right: Taylor Medway, James Dennis, Polly Hazelton and Breanna Patton.



HSC WOODWORK MAJOR PROJECTS



**STEWART
TAHANA**



**ANDREW
HOWLETT**



**WILLIAM
OXLEY**



**ANDREW
PRICE**



**MARK
WITHERS**



**ANDREW
STORM**

CAREERS NEWS

So much is happening in the world of Careers at the moment, it is important that students are vigilant about listening to daily notices and messages so that valuable opportunities are not missed.

INDIGENOUS CAREERS EXPO NOWRA :

On the 23rd August Mrs Kennedy took 16 students from Goulburn and Mulwaree High Schools to Nowra for a fabulous Careers Expo. Students had the chance to find out about the opportunities available to support them in the pursuit of their career dreams and to be inspired by people who had beaten the odds to achieve great success in their chosen fields. This event was so successful we shall be putting it on the calendar for next year.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: YEAR 10

TAFE Illawarra are offering a short course in Wool Handling to be run in Week 7 23rd – 25th November, in the classroom at Goulburn TAFE and Week 8 5th – 7th December off campus in the workplace. This will follow Work Experience.

Year 10 students are invited to participate, and will receive a Certificate II upon successful completion of the course, which can be used as credit towards further courses such as Agriculture Cert. III, Wool Clip Preparation Cert. III and Wool Classing Cert IV.

COST: The cost of the course is \$225, however the school is able to subsidise this cost by \$125 per person, enabling students to receive a CERT II qualification for only \$100.

Information can be obtained from Mrs Kennedy.

DON'T MISS OUT.

UNIVERSITY ENTRY REMINDERS : YEAR 12

Don't forget on-time applications to UAC close 30th September, as do most early entry and Principals Recommendation applications. **DON'T LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO ASK FOR HELP ... See Mrs Kennedy now.**

FABULOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS :

Each day I work in Careers Education I find out about new courses or employment initiatives and opportunities. Given that our parents and carers have the greatest influence on students' career goals and achievements, I often wonder how they cope with this ever-changing field. I am happy to announce that support is at hand and would recommend the following course to parents of all of our students, particularly Years 9 and up.

Contact Mrs Kennedy for further information.



Q. How up to date is your knowledge about current career options?

Q. Would you like to be better informed to help your son or daughter plan for their future?

Q. Do you want to know about education, training and employment options available to them?

PACTS Workshops have been running in Australian secondary schools since 2003, with parents saying they are really helpful in understanding the different options.

Workshops are run in a set of three and include the following topics:

- Simple careers assessment
- How to use the Job Guide
- Understanding TAFE, Apprenticeships, Group Training, University
- Tackling the employment market
- Preparing for employment

Come to an Information Session to find out more, on Wednesday 12th October at 6 - 7pm in C9 (Careers Room), Goulburn High School.

The P&C Meeting will follow, so why not stay and find out more about the school and the opportunities provided to your students.

Dates for the Term 4 workshops will be:

- 19th October
- 26th October
- 2nd November





2012 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS

13 year 11 students stood before the school community last Wednesday at an Induction Assembly and pledged to represent the school with integrity and commitment as the prefect body. Led by Captains Matthew Orton and Chelsea Reid, Vice Captains Caitlin Jones and Sarah Joyce, the nine prefects: Jayde Riordan, Alyce Scott, Dannielle Allport, Sussann Beer, Ryan Withers, Jack Tunks, Luke Charnock, Kain Harris-Brydon and Claire Shaw, will form a leadership body within the school.

The honour wasn't lost on the students and their parents with over 100 guests attending the assembly to witness the induction. Guest Speaker, Jaemin Frazer, 1997 School Captain, spoke about the honour of being a GHS Captain and how it has helped him to establish himself as a community leader.

Matthew Orton spoke about the pride and honour of the role and the job ahead to represent the student body. In accepting her role, Chelsea Reid thanked the outgoing leadership body for the outstanding job they have done.

Sally Curry

SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our newly elected Sporting House Captains. They are already at work assisting the PDHPE faculty with Smith Cup organisation and the Inter-House Lunchtime competition structure. They will also support the staff and students of Goulburn High School at our three sporting carnivals—Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics—in 2012.

Michelle Randall



PEER SUPPORT LEADERS

Our group of Peer Support Leaders were also inducted at the Leadership Assembly. This group will be working with students who are transitioning to high school on Taster Days and Orientation Day, as well as in formalised Peer Support sessions in Term 1 2012. This is an extremely important leadership role within the school and we look forward to seeing what this group can produce.

Michelle Randall



A NOTE FROM OUR SRC

It is on a sad note that I farewell the 2011 SRC members. I would like to thank every member for their contribution this year. Some of the accomplishments of the SRC this year are:

- they have organised and run two successful socials, which welcomed the new students at the beginning of the year and farewelled Year 12 recently.

These socials have strengthened the school spirit.

- Matthew Orton, on behalf of the SRC, acquired three new flags for the front of the school from Alby Schultz.
- the SRC have in place a formal proposal process that they present to the Executive team.
- the SRC recently participated in the Goulburn Legacy Appeals Day and in April they participated in the ANZAC Day March.
- they have helped at the Parent and Teacher interview night.
- they have also organised and collected money for casual clothes day. The money is being used to improve and brighten the playground with murals.

The 2011 SRC Members were:

Year 7: Adele Webb, Samuel Ross, Renae Robinson, Tatum Lenane.

Year 8: Hayden Ellis, Emmot Falconer, Hannah Kennedy.

Year 9: Zachery Bladwell, Caitlin Young, Ebony Hogan.

Year 10: Courtney Backhouse, Courtney Edwards, Kiraleigh Bladwell, Taylor Dudley.

Year 11: Caitlin Jones, Matthew Orton, Chelsea Reid, Sarah Joyce, Jayde Riordan

Year 12: Ashley Craig, Rebecca Eldridge, Jamie Enright.

Aboriginal Representative: Samantha Brown

ESL Representative: James Dennis

Support Representative: Travis Stockton

Once again, thank you very much for your help and contribution this year.

Mrs Nerina Eagles

SRC Coordinator

On Friday 2nd September 2011, Courtney Backhouse, Kiraleigh Bladwell, Taylor Dudley, Emmot Falconer, Tatum Lenane, Renae Robinson, Samuel Ross, Adele Webb and Ebony Hogan supported the [Goulburn Legacy Appeals Day](#). The students were engaged in fundraising with students from local high schools, selling badges to support this very special cause. The students conducted themselves appropriately and did the school proud. A special thanks goes to Courtney Backhouse, who in my absence organised school blazers for all the students; a true leader. I would like to thank all the students for their participation.

Mrs Nerina Eagles





GHS CATTLE TEAM GOES TO DUBBO

The GHS Cattle Show Team again made the journey to Dubbo for the National All Breeds Junior Heifer Show 2011. The team consisted of Chloe Ryan, Claire Rowan, Zachery Bladwell, Ellen Ryan, Laura Fletcher and Holly Beard. The weather was sunny and warm, which made it much easier to prepare the cattle for all events. It was a tough competition this year, with 158 competitors and over 130 cattle. The students worked well as a team in keeping the cattle beds clean as well as the cattle clean and pretty. The cattle weren't so cooperative at the show, however, the students persisted and all students received a ribbon.

The results are as follows for the GHS cattle team:

Laura Fletcher 5th place Juniors 10- under 14 years Junior Judging Competition
 Laura Fletcher 4th place Juniors Heat 22 Parades Competition
 Holly Beard Highly Commended Juniors Heat 23 Parades Competition
 Zac Bladwell 5th place Sub- Intermediates 14-15 years Heat 25 Parades Competition
 Ellen Ryan Highly Commended Sub- Intermediates Heat 25 Parades Competition
 Claire Rowan Highly Commended Intermediates 15- under 17years Heat 30 Parades Competition
 Matthew Orton 3rd place Seniors 17-25 years Heat 31 Parades Competition
 Chloe Ryan Highly Commended Heat 31 Parades Competition
 Chloe Ryan also received the Senior Encouragement Award for young competitors.

The heifers, Wynella Leonie, GHS Lilly and GHS Ruby also received ribbons in their heat. The team could not have gone without the organisational skills of Ms Hope and the supervision of Mrs Eagles

Well done to all students and good luck next year.

The GHS Cattle Team would like to thank their sponsors Wynella, Leader Products and JD Rural Crookwell.





Aboriginal Author Boori Monty Prior dazzles junior students with tales of snakes, frogs, mosquitoes and what it feels like to win a prestigious award from the Prime Minister



Boori Monty Prior returned to Goulburn High School after a hilarious and entertaining afternoon at the library in 2010. Year 8 students had spread the word about this funny yet informative talk and the event organiser, Mrs Reece, decided to move the lecture to the hall. It was a good call, because the Aboriginal author had everyone in stitches with his tales of growing up with female siblings, well planned revenge on his sisters after always receiving the blame for things gone wrong and advice on how to keep safe from the creepy crawlies in and outside the house. He showed year 7 students how to play the didgeridoo and told of his surprise and delight when he won the 2011 Prime Minister's Literary Award for his book 'Shake A leg'. Thanks, Mr Prior, see you next year.



GOULBURN HS WORKWEAR BREAKFAST CLUB A WELCOME ADDITION TO THE STUDENTS' MORNING ACTIVITIES

Last week, the GHS Workwear Breakfast Club opened its doors to all students in D-Block at 8.15am. Between 15 and 20 students feasted on French Toast or pancakes, prepared and cooked by volunteer teachers each morning. Porridge, OJ, toast w/jam/vegemite/honey/hazelnut spread and low-fat/low-sugar cereals are also available; as are tea, hot Milo and fruit.

The Breakfast Club will run Wednesday and Thursday morning for the rest of Term 3, and start Monday to Thursday in Term 4. The only condition regarding attendance and a free breakfast is that all students clean up after themselves and leave the cooking rooms in D-Block spotless for lessons to commence by 8.45am. So far, everyone is more than happy to help.



GHS LAWN BOWLS

On the 15th and 16th of August, Ellen Ryan, Tracey-Lee Swift and Andrew Caldwell represented GHS in lawn bowls. They played the

CHS Triples:

Won 1st game 24 – 5

Lost 2nd game 2 – 7

and made it through to qualify:

Won 1st game 22 – 11

Lost semi-final 19 – 8

Our team won two out of four games. Congratulations!



TOWRANG STOCKADE

Recently our class went to the Towrang Stockade. The stockade was a major convict settlement where 250 convicts worked on the road from Sydney to Goulburn from 1818 to 1845. The stockade is made up of a convict bridge, 7 convict culverts, the old gun powder storage room and the military cemetery. The day involved a lot of walking and climbing creek beds. We had morning tea at the Towrang convict bridge and had lunch at the Wollondilly River at Towrang. It was a fun and enjoyable day.

Daniel Gospel and Rebekah Sharman



What's on this term

- 14th Sept. - Year 11 Great Barrier Reef Excursion (6 days)
Recognition Assembly (period 2)
Year 10 Goulburn East PS Science Day (10 students)
- 16th Sept. - Aboriginal Engagement Program (20 students)
Junior Support Excursion to Fitzroy Falls
- 20th Sept. - SPAC Expo (2 days)
- 21st Sept. - Year 7&8 Touch Knockout
Year 12 Fun Day
- 22nd Sept. - Hal Heifer Show (8 students—2 days)
Year 12 Formal Assembly (10am)
End of Year Activities Selection (period 4)
- 11th Oct. - Year 10 School Certificate Trial Exams (2 days)
- 13th Oct. - Aboriginal Engagement Program incursion (20 students)
- 21st Oct. - Smith Cup GHS vs BHS at Bowral
- 25th Oct. - Prefect/SRC camp in Tallong (2 days)
- 27th Oct. - Year 10 DNA talk—CSIRO
- 7th Nov. - Year 10 School Certificate Exams (3 days)
- 10th Nov. - Year 7 Vaccinations (period 1&2)
Year 12 sign-out day
- 11th Nov. - Year 12 Formal at the Goulburn Soldiers Club (6pm)
- 14th Nov. - Year 10 Work Experience (5 days)
- 21st Nov. - SES cadets (5 days)
- 1st Dec. - Year 10 Formal at the Soldiers Club (6pm)

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P & C dates for 2011

Wednesday 14th of September

Wednesday 12th of October

Wednesday 9th 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.

EFTPOS is now available at GHS

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