



Goulburn High School News

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First Social for 2011

The SRC's first 2011 Social went off without a hitch and everyone who attended had a fantastic time. Students and teachers dressed up under the moniker 'G', 'H' and 'S' and we saw Spartans, Supermen, Hula-girls and even two Smurfs. The Year 12 band played a short set, to the delight of all the other students, and some teachers showed off their dancing skills on stage. (p. 3)

Another outdoor classroom is just around the corner

High school education in the senior years has included many excursions of late. Recently, wading through the Eastgrove Wetlands was a highlight for all, especially Mr. Falconer in his gumboots. (p. 6)



Open Night 2011

Goulburn High's library was filled to breaking point during our 2011 Open Night for Year 6 parents and students. Our Year 12 Hospitality students put on a tasty spread for supper. (p. 7)



Principal’s Report

As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their commitment during the term. Our leadership classes have been supporting our local primary schools’ swimming carnivals and have been praised for their efforts. Our SRC has been very active with a number of new initiatives being introduced to the school. Our recent school social was outstanding and congratulations to the students for supporting this event.

Our Cattle Team has been competing in many events this term with success. Two of the team members, Chloe Ryan and Claire Rowan, have been selected to compete at the Sydney Royal Show over Easter and we wish them all the very best. Interim Reports will be issued to Years 8 to 11 next week and it is important that students take notice of the information that is provided and use this to assist them in reaching their full potential during the year.

Thank you to those parents who attended yesterday’s ‘Welcome to Year 7’ BBQ. This was a good opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and keep up to date with what was happening in Year 7. Again students are reminded that mobile phones are not to be used during class time. If parents need to contact their child, could you please contact the front office.

Students in Years 9 to 11 are reminded that they must bring their laptops to school at all times. Students who fail to do so will lose their right to have the laptop and it will therefore need to be returned to the school. As this is the last newsletter for this term, I would like to wish both students and staff a safe and enjoyable holiday and remind students that school will resume on Thursday 27 April.

I would like to thank all my staff who have been working tirelessly towards the improvement of the junior students’ literacy and numeracy skills. I’m certain this will help all Year 7 and 9 students in particular when they sit the NAPLAN tests early next term. Students can also consolidate their skills over the Easter holidays by reading a wide variety of texts and using their comprehension and navigation skills to achieve to ability in the test.

I would also like to thank our P&C for their ongoing efforts and would like to remind all parents of its importance to our school and community. A new President will be voted in next term and I am looking forward to continuing working with the P&C. A heartfelt ‘thank you’ to the outgoing President, Shiree Bladwell, for her selfless dedication over the past two years.

Peter Browne



Last Thursday, Goulburn High held as something starting with one of the costumes and even some of the teachers. Randall, Miss Kara and Mrs. Eagles. There was a D.J who provided music all night, Polly Hazelton, Jono O’Brien on drums, played a few songs and performed on the dance floor and although they were tired, they gave it their all. Towards the end of the night, a hall for people to show off their costumes. A lot of good outfits although Rebecca won the winning prize, a block of chocolate. The social was also an evening to celebrate so we sang ‘Happy Birthday’ and had a night and so did everyone else as it was to get their shoes off! And who knew



CAITLIN AND JORDAN WERE BRAVE AND SHAVED



On Friday the 12th of March, Jordan Orr and I shaved our heads for the annual ‘World’s Greatest Shave’. Together we raised a little under \$2000, which was donated to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Getting our heads shaved was a little nerve-wracking and emotional, but those feelings were nothing compared to the satisfaction of doing something for others. Jordan Orr has since moved from Goulburn to Junee and is greatly missed. Good luck, Jordan.

Caitlin Jones

Katie Austin & Apryll Glennie





SOCIAL 2011

Last Thursday, Goulburn High held a theme social, G, H & S. The students had to dress up as something starting with one of these three letters. There were a variety of different costumes and even some of the teachers dressed up including Mr. Stovelaar, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Randall, Miss Kara and Mrs. Eagles.

There was a D.J who provided music and colourful lights and about 10 minutes into the night, Polly Hazelton, Jono O'Brien and Adam Thorn, with the help of Mr. O'Connor on the drums, played a few songs and performed extremely well. There were dance offs and mosh pits on the dance floor and although there was a lot of sweat, the students enjoyed themselves. Towards the end of the night we all parted to create a runway down the middle of the hall for people to show off their costumes in the 'Best Dressed Competition'. There were a lot of good outfits although Rebecca Eldridge, dressed as Mr Gregory, went home with the winning prize, a block of chocolate.

The social was also an evening to celebrate one of our student's, Sarah Joyce, 16th Birthday so we sang 'Happy Birthday' and had a cake with sparklers. We're sure she enjoyed her night and so did everyone else as it was very eventful and we're sure everyone couldn't wait to get their shoes off! And who knew that grannies could party so hard!

Katie Austin & Apryll Glennie





A Plea from your P & C!

Goulburn High School P & C need your help!

We held our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 9th March and we were unable to fill the position of President. We have until our next meeting to elect a President or the P & C will have to be dissolved.

This would be a horrible situation as it would mean that we, the parents of Goulburn High students, would no longer have a voice and a say in our children's education.

The P & C work with the staff to make the school a better place for our kids. The President's role is to run the monthly meetings and be the spokesperson for the parent community. It is a very rewarding position.

I have held the position for the past two years and feel like I have accomplished many things, most importantly to me is to have improved the communication between the school and parents.

We have an exciting year planned with many new fundraising ideas already in place, assisting the school in having the hall upgraded and getting closer to our goal of having the school zone reviewed.

It would be a great shame if all this was lost. I am not abandoning the P & C – I have accepted the roles of Secretary and 2nd Vice President and would be happy to assist anyone willing to step into the President's role.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact me as soon as possible on 0438 218735. We are running out of time to save our P & C!

Shiree Bladwell



GLAMA

Year 9 girls have been actively participating in their current swimming unit as part of PE and sport. This will conclude this week and we will then move into the cross country and athletics units, so the girls are ready for the up-coming carnivals in term 2.

Term 2 will see the resumption of some of the lunch time activities that haven't been available during term 1. Hopefully the year 9 girls will be motivated to come along and if anyone has a suggestion for a lunch time activity, see Mrs Hambly in the PE staff room and we might be able to work it into the program.

PCYC are still offering a variety of activities after school and if you are interested get in touch with them to see what is available.

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CAREERS INFORMATION

Goulburn High School's SBAT (School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship) Program is progressing very well. Just over twelve months ago we were congratulating Andrew Storm as he signed up as our first SBAT and last week we added another two students to the group, bringing the total number to seven.

Congratulations to Year 11 students :

Shaun Larkham – Retail Services Traineeship with Woolworths.

Guy Lewin – Electrotechnology Apprenticeship with Craig Deaton Electrical.

They join:

Jarrold Stacey (Yr11) –Plumbing Apprenticeship, Goulburn Mulwaree Council

Paul Enright (yr 11) – Business Services Traineeship, ANZ Bank

James Charnock (Yr 11) – Furniture Making Traineeship, Capital Veneering

Jamie Enright (Yr 12) – Retail Services Traineeship, Harvey Norman

Andrew Storm (Yr. 12) – Construction Traineeship, P&K Stephenson

Year 10 parents and students who may be interested in commencing an SBAT should contact Mrs Kennedy

GIRLS ONLY TRY A TRADE DAY

Year 9 girls have been offered a fabulous opportunity to try out some future career options at Fyshwick TAFE on **Friday 27th May**. Students will have the chance to attend two sessions in two different trades, selecting from: ***Plumbing; Electrical; Panel Beating and Spray Painting; Refrigeration and Air Conditioning; Automotive; Metal Fabrication; Carpentry; Tiling; Plastering; Horticulture; Bricklaying; Food Processing; Painting and Decorating; Hairdressing; Glass and Glazing; Electronics; and Computer Networking.***

It is a practical, hands-on day, so students will need to wear sturdy leather shoes or boots, with long jeans or overalls and a long sleeved shirt. They will also need to bring safety glasses.

Lunch and other refreshments will be provided.

Cost – \$12 to cover the bus fare.

This opportunity is only available to the first **15** girls who return their notes and money to the school.

Further information and notes can be obtained from Mrs Kennedy.



GOULBURN'S EASTGROVE WETLANDS EXCURSION

On Friday the 18th of March, year 11 Biology and Senior Science classes went on an excursion to the Goulburn Mulwaree Wetlands. The day started off trekking our way through the waist-high grass.

Once we arrived at our destination, we got our gum boots on, and were ready for a long day ahead of us. First we watched Caitlin and Jayde venture into the knee deep water. Hoping one of them, or even Mr Falconer, would fall in, we all had our cameras ready. Watching while they set up a transect, Mr Falconer was observing all the abiotic and biotic factors surrounding us. Cody tested his knowledge all throughout the day, asking about each different species he saw.

We were divided into groups of four and went off measuring all the abiotic factors. While doing this, Alyce and Sarah took a great risk, and persuaded by Ms Bailey telling them to go out further, ended up getting their feet wet. They were not impressed. Ms Bailey took a few students over to the Golf Club to go to the toilets. At the first mention of food half of the group jumped up and ran after her, navigating our way through the dangerous golf course, where there was a women's tournament going on. Thanks to the Goulburn Golf Course for allowing Year 11 students to use their facilities.

Eventually, all the students got back safe and sound with a sugar rush from chocolate and drinks from the shop. We continued on with our study of the wetlands ecosystem. Mr Falconer continued to identify and educate us about the species flying by. When we explored the wetlands environment, Mr Falconer told us about the impacts humans have on the wetlands environment. The last stint of our trek was to witness the impact of the recent floods on the wetlands. We all ventured back to our meeting point and then dispersed. Overall it was a great day and we learnt lots of new skills and found out about many species. Thanks to Cody, Ms Bailey and Mr Falconer.

Alyce Scott, Sarah Joyce and Matt Orton



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OPEN NIGHT FOR YEAR 6 TO 7 STUDENTS (2012)

On Wednesday 9th March, parents and prospective 2012 Year 7 students attended an information evening regarding Goulburn High's transition program from primary to high school. The evening began with a demonstration of Goulburn High School's value of aiming high. Many classrooms were opened and students' work was on display. During the formal part of the evening, parents and students were introduced to 2012 Year 7 Advisor, Miss Bailey. The visitors were informed about upcoming events, including Year 7 visits to local primary schools to discuss important issues surrounding the introduction to high school, Orientation Days to allow students to become familiar with Goulburn High School and Taster Mornings where students will be given the opportunity to participate in mini lessons across a broad range of areas. Families also received Goulburn High School information packages. Many thanks to the Year 12 Hospitality class and Mrs. Porter who prepared a wonderful supper for all.

Ms. Bailey, Year 7 Advisor 2012



NEWS FROM HAMBO'S SPORTS DESK

Term 1 is almost finished and it has been filled with sport. A number of students have trialled for zone and regional teams with success.

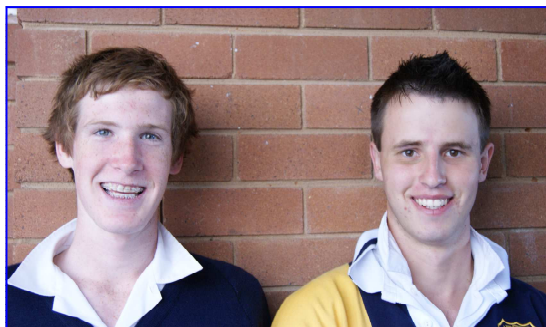
Maddison Cranston will represent the South Coast in touch football, with Ryan Withers and Cody Puckett selected as referees.

Joel Stanton has gained a position in the regional boy's rugby union team.

A number of students were successful at the very popular zone hockey trials with Kurt Devlin, Lacey Devlin, Kain Harris-Brydon, Jake Staines, Ben Staines and Alyce Scott all being selected to move on to the regional trials.

Will Oxley will represent the South Coast region in basketball.

We have had three students represent Goulburn High School in the all schools and combined high schools triathlon competition at Penrith this term. Holly Beard, Laura Fletcher and Ellen Ryan competed against 150 other teams and did very well to finish 19th overall.



What's on this term

- 30th March - Year 7 Questacon excursion to Canberra
- 31st March - Year 12 Half Yearly Exams commence
- Inter Support excursion to the Observatory in Sydney
- Health Talk at the hospital 9.30am to 10.30am
- 12 students (Early Childhood course) to help at Crescent School Athletic
- 1st April - Silver Duke of Edinburgh hike to Namadji
- 5th April - White Card Training (20 year 9-11 students)
- 7th April - Senior Support Taronga Zoo Excursion
- 27th April - Staff Development Day
- 28th April - Beginning of Term 2, 2011 (all students)

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P & C dates for 2011

Wednesday 11th of May
Wednesday 8th of June
Wednesday 10th of August
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.

If you have any enquiries regarding the newsletter, please email
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