



Goulburn High School News

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Cross Country Carnival

All our students had a wonderful day on Friday, week 2 this term, participating in Goulburn High's cross country carnival, although Year 12 students celebrated with a touch of sadness. This was the last day for that year to run in the Cross Country as a group (right, with year advisor Anna Robinson). Age champions and runner-ups then 'ran for their lives' at the Zone carnival two weeks ago.



Duke of Edinburgh hikes to Namadgi National Park

28 students braved the Australian bush environment for two



'Thank you' to Courtney Backhouse for her wonderful photos.
(the editor)

and three day hikes in recent months, to participate in our long-standing Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Goulburn High School has a very proud association with D of E and it is a delight to report that so many students take advantage of this wonderful opportunity which our school, with the much appreciated help of Bushman John, offers each student.
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Principal's Report

Students in Years 7 and 9 recently completed the NAPLAN tests in numeracy and literacy. It was very pleasing to see most of the students participate in these tests. When the students receive their results it is important to note that they will be compared to every other student in their year across Australia. Not only are our students compared to students in comprehensive schools, but also from wealthy private schools, selective schools, specialist high schools, inner city schools, and schools from remote regions. The results are very important to the teaching staff and provide a detailed diagnostic assessment of our students. As a result, appropriate support can be given to those students who need assistance.

With the introduction of EFTPOS in our school it was pleasing to see the large number of families who were quick to pay their children's fees. These fees provide our school with the opportunity to further enhance the teaching and learning resources that will assist the students in developing quality outcomes.

Congratulations to Paula Geary who was elected President of the P&C. Paula has a strong passion for Goulburn High School and she is very keen to make a difference to our school with the support of the committee.

Thank you to all those parents who recently attended the Parent / Teacher evenings. These events are very important as they provide good opportunities for teachers and parents to meet to discuss the learning needs of our students.

Congratulations to Mrs Reece and to Mrs Kennedy on their appointments to Head Teacher English and Careers respectively. Both these ladies will do an excellent job in their new roles at Goulburn High.

Again can I remind all students that mobile phones are **not** to be used during class time. We are still removing phones from students as the use of phones is disruptive to the learning environment.

A survey is being conducted to determine if there is a need to set up a homework centre after school. If the survey indicates a need, then the centre will operate to support students in a range of areas, including: homework, revision, assessment support and study skills. Your assistance is required in completing and returning the survey back to school.

- Peter Browne

The Uniform pool has brand-new grey pants, blue pants and windcheaters from the outgoing style on sale for \$10 each. A variety of sizes are available. Please contact Gail Kennerly 02 4821 4021.

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR SRC

Dates to write in your planners:

24th June 2011- RED casual clothes day. Wear red or accessories with red to help promote the Vampire Shield Blood Donation Campaign. There will be a GOLD coin donation for wearing casual clothes. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community. One blood donation saves three lives. If you are 16 years or older and interested in donating blood please see Mrs Anable.

28th July 2011—Social to farewell Year 12. The theme is TBA. Tickets will be \$5 which includes drink and a packet of chips. Tickets will be on sale very soon.

If any students, parents or teachers have suggestions to improve the learning environment or promote Goulburn High School please contact Mrs Eagles or talk to us on fb.

The SRC Committee



P & C Report May 2011

I would like to introduce you to the new P & C President for Goulburn High, Mrs Paula Geary. Paula was kind enough to step into the role to prevent our P & C from folding. Paula is not a parent of a Goulburn High School student, she is, however, a very passionate ex-student. Paula would be familiar to you as she works in the school office. I wish Paula all the best in the role and thank the school community for the support I have been given during the past 2 years. I will continue to be an active member of the P & C and have taken on the role of Secretary and 2nd Vice President. I would also like to congratulate Jenny Falconer, Vice President and Leanne Backhouse, Treasurer. Without these ladies your P & C would not function.

A big thank you to students, teachers, family and friends who joined us out at Kingsdale Wines recently for a Saturday of grape picking. We had a lovely day and enjoyed the hospitality provided by Howard and Elly Spark. We also were given a 'behind the scenes' tour and tasting! We raised \$450. Thanks to all!

Our next fundraiser is another Eagle Boys Pizza night on Wednesday 8th June – please support this night. We receive \$1 from every pizza sold all day on Wednesday 8th.

Shiree Bladwell
P & C Secretary
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CANTEEN UPDATE

Listed below are the new foods available at the canteen . All dishes are available by **order** daily.

Pie	3.00	Hamburger	3.50
Sausage Roll	1.80	Chicken burger	3.50
Hot Dog	2.50	Chilli Wraps	2.50
Rounda	2.00	Chicken & Gravy Roll	3.50
Pizza	2.50	Honey Soy chicken burger	3.00
Toasted sandwiches	2.50	Muffin—Ham and Cheese	2.00

SPECIAL—*Hot dish of the day*—**Term 2 and 3 only**

Nachos	3.50	Spaghetti Bolognese	3.50
Meat ball sub	2.50	Spaghetti meat ball	3.50
Spud—cheese, sour cream	3.50		
add mince	4.00		



BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH HIKE ON THE 19TH AND 20TH MARCH 2011

Namadgi National Park was the setting for the first Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition for 2011. The group was a mixture of experienced hikers and first time adventurers. This was a practice walk to give the participants a taste of life in the bush. Seventeen students spent two days walking in the park and camped overnight by the side of a small creek. Not even wild dog howls could keep some of the campers awake, although a few hardy souls tried to push themselves to stay awake all night. It was a great first hike for the new Bronze “Dukes”. A special ‘thank you’ to Mrs. Slater and Bushman John for leading this group of intrepid adventurers into the bush!

SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH WALK ON THE 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD APRIL 2011

Namadgi National Park was also the venue for the first Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition of the year. A more challenging adventure than the Bronze hike, this walk lasted for three days with two nights spent out in the bush. Eleven students took part in the expedition and this trip served as both a practice walk and a final test for two of the hikers. The walk followed a circular route through the park and passed through historical sites, including stockyards and old homesteads. The first night was spent in tents pitched around one of the old huts. As the evening wore on, the cold set in and the fireplace inside the hut was a popular place to be. The second day provided plenty of opportunities for navigation, bush bashing and getting wet feet. By the time the group reached the old sheep yards they were ready to settle down for a well earned rest. First light next morning revealed a glistening winter wonderland with a thick frost covering everything around, including some boots left out by mistake. It was a fantastic way to spend a weekend. Thank you to Mrs. Slater and Bushman John for providing expertise and company on the trip.



Duke of Edinburgh coordinator, Mr. J. Steele





**WEDNESDAY
8TH JUNE
GOULBURN
HIGH
SCHOOL
PIZZA DAY**

**\$1 PER PIZZA SOLD RAISES
FUNDS FOR GOULBURN HIGH!**



CAREERS INFORMATION

TAX FILE NUMBERS

Reminder: Tax file numbers for any student **over the age of 13** can, and should, be obtained through school. The tax office will, in many cases, return applications for students if they are not submitted by the school. This is a very simple process and no documentation is required to be sent with the application.

Forms can be obtained from Mrs Kennedy and processing takes up to 6 weeks to complete. Numbers are sent to the students, not the school, so keep them safe.

TIP: everyone needs a tax file number, so don't wait until you need it for a job. Get it now!!

WORK EXPERIENCE IS ON NOW ... watch this space for a full report in the next bulletin.

\$43,000 Scholarship

Year 12 students who are considering studying Business or Commerce at university should consider the Bachelor of Accounting offered by the University of Technology in Sydney. This course offers a very attractive \$43,000 tax free scholarship, 11 months of full-time training and a 95% graduate employment rate. Applications close Friday 10th June for students hoping to start in 2012. See Mrs Kennedy for details.

YEAR 12 CAREERS TUTORIALS

Beginning Week 6, Year 12 students are invited to attend one careers tutorial session each cycle, aimed at providing some guidance and support as the end of high school draws near.

Topics will include:

- Career selection
- How to make the most of the HSC
- ATAR calculation and its implications
- Education and Training options
- Employment: making sure you are ready to enter the workforce
- Options: knowing how to change your plans if your first choice doesn't work out
- Issues and questions for which students would like answers.

Sessions have been scheduled at six different times, enabling students to attend one lesson per cycle during periods for which they do not have a timetabled lesson.



CROSS COUNTRY PHOTOS





CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL 2011

Goulburn High School could not have asked for a better day on which to hold the annual Cross Country Carnival this year. It was a beautiful, sunny day with no wind; perfect for running long distance. It was very encouraging to see the large number of students who attended the day either to support their classmates or participate in the events. Congratulations to the following students who were age champion or runner up in their age group:

GIRLS

BOYS

18 years

Age champion: Gabrielle Browne & Nicole Dunn
 Runner up: Polly Hazelton

Mupenzi Nizeyemini
 James Dennis

17 years

Age champion: Amy Hayward
 Runner up: Chelsea Reid

Zour Dennis
 William Oxley

16 years

Age champion: Carly Tahana
 Runner up: Claire Shaw

Bill Reid
 Brandon Finn

15 years

Age champion: Cassie Reid & Lacey Devlin
 Runner up: Teneille Green

Joel Baird
 Mark Gibson

14 years

Age champion: Mikayla Evans
 Runner up: Ellen Ryan

Emmot Falconer
 Lachlan Lewin

13 years

Age champion: Kate Reid
 Runner up: Renee Robinson

Luke Soley & Rory Heferman
 Aaron Skelly

12 years

Age champion: Kyarnna Plumb
 Runner up: Jessica Zammit

Jordan Gann
 Jaden Apps

Congratulations to all of these runners who now compete at the Zone Carnival held at Mulwaree High School. Next newsletter will include an update of this event.

The house points winner of the day was Lumsden with 208 points.

2nd Taylor with 202 points

3rd Knopp with 183 points

4th Southwell with 143 points



What's on this term

- 1st June - Year 12 Geography Excursion to Pymont
- 2nd June - Year 8/9/10 Parent/Teacher night 4.30—6.30pm
- 3rd June - Regional Cross Country Carnival
2 Year 12 students to Leadership excursion to Parliament House, Sydney
- 7th June - Year 7 vaccinations periods 1&2
Open Boys Softball periods 2-4
- 8th June - Year 9 Child Studies Work Experience 1.45-3.30pm
Year 9 & 10 Explore Arts & Science Day @ ANU
- 10th June - Athletics Carnival
- 14th June - Stewart House Excursion, Support group (4 days)
- 15th June - Cattle show at Holbrook (2 days)
- 17th June - Year 8 and 10 to Canberra University
Year 9-12 Woodworking Show to Moore Park, Sydney
- 20th June - Year 8 and 10 to Canberra University
Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood work placement (5 days)
- 23rd June - Zone Athletic Carnival
- 24th June - SCR Casual Red Day—Vampire Shield
- 27th June - Year 7 and 9 to Canberra University
Year 11 U-Turn the Wheel
- 29th June - Year 10 TAFE Taster Day 12—3.30 pm

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P & C dates for 2011

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.

EFTPOS is now available at GHS

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