



# Goulburn High School News

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### NAIDOC

#### Celebrations at GHS

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students shared their proud heritage and culture with all students last term. A flag raising ceremony introduced the week long activities. (cont. p. 4/5)



### Thank you, Goulburn

Teachers and students gathered at St. Saviours' in late June to join the Burmese Chin community and the Liberian and Great African Lakes communities' celebrations. We were entertained by traditional dancing and performances, and some students were brave enough to share their experiences of war, and spoke about growing up in tent cities and their journey to Australia. It was a very moving afternoon. (p. 3)

### Team effort at the Regional Cross Country Carnival

GHS has produced some excellent athletes over the years. The 14 years boys' team has now progressed to the state level. Well done! (p. 6)  
Also, heartfelt congratulations to former student, Naomi Evans, on being selected for the **2011/2012 National Junior Hockey Squad**. Go girl!







## Principal's Report

Welcome back to students and staff for the commencement of Term 3. I would also like to specially welcome the 19 new students and their families who enrolled this term. This is the last term for our Year 12 students and we wish them all the best during their preparation for their final exams in October.

During Week 4, an Information Evening will be held for students in Years 8 and 10 to assist them with their selections for electives next year. This is a very important activity and I encourage all parents to attend. More information about the evening will be sent home with the students.

Approximately 20 Korean students will be arriving at our school during Week 4 for 10 days and we are still looking for some host families. Please contact Mr Joseph (Deputy) for more information.

The SRC conducted their second school social for the year and once again it was an outstanding success. Thank you to the SRC and Mrs Eagles, together with other staff, for organising and supporting this activity.

**This week, our new Homework Centre commenced for any interested students who want assistance with assessments, assignments etc. The centre will run each Monday commencing straight after school until approximately 5.00pm. Parents are reminded that students will have to organise their own transport home.**

A small number of students are starting to wear garments that have hoods. These are not acceptable components of our uniform and will not be worn at our school.

Woolworths are conducting a promotion in schools called "Earn and Learn". Goulburn High has signed up and I encourage you to send any dockets from Woolworths to the school. The program runs until 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Have a good and productive term.

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

The GHS SRC have had the privilege of presenting several students with the Random Act of Kindness Award and a voucher for demonstrating the GHS values. These students demonstrated selflessness and honesty over the past term. The SRC hopes to keep rewarding students who spontaneously and naturally display GHS values and common morals. Congratulations to all recipients, and well done.

Nerrina Eagles  
SRC co-ordinator





## 100 YEARS TO CELEBRATE!

Next year GHS will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year of education. We will be enjoying many special events. A Steering Committee has been formed and will be led by Mrs Sally Curry.

The committee will be meeting regularly and we invite everyone who would like to become involved in the organisation of the proposed events.

Sub-committees will need to be formed to put our plans into motion. It will be an exciting and rewarding time - no contribution is too small. Our school has a rich and extensive history of which we can be most proud.

We encourage students, ex-students, parents and community members to join in the celebration arrangements.

The next meeting will be held at **6pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August** in the Common room at GHS and everyone is welcome.

Paula Geary  
P&C President

## REFUGEE WEEK CELEBRATIONS

**THANK YOU!** It was a simple message that was repeated throughout Refugee Week celebrations held at St. Saviours Hall on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of June. Representatives from Goulburn's Liberian, Burmese and The Great African Lakes refugee communities joined forces to present drumming, dancing, digital stories and displays. It was a touching day as Goulburn's newest residents thanked the school, our town and the community service groups for the warm welcome they have received since arriving. Students and staff concluded the celebrations with an amazing traditional feast. The beautiful food was all provided by the refugee communities and created a wonderful showcase of the diversity and harmony that has been fostered within our local community over recent years.

Dennis Carroll



# **NAIDOC**

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### **AT GOULBURN**

### **HIGH**

**During the last week of term, GHS celebrated NAIDOC Week in spectacular style.**



The celebrations were officially opened on Tuesday with a Flag Raising Ceremony attended by Aboriginal Elders and community members, Cr Geoff Kettle, families, staff and students. Blake Bunt (Y7) and Deejay Bartle (Y8) welcomed our guests and ensured they got a good seat in the warm sun. Peitta Potter (Y12), Adam Bright-Williams and Paul Enright (Y11) had the honour of raising the flags, but not until Sam Brown, Taleasha Heitel-Freeman and Ar-ysa McAlister (Y9) spoke about what NAIDOC Week meant and gave us a little history on the celebration. Many of us enjoyed a light lunch together afterwards and had a yarn or two!

During Wednesday's formal assembly, Aunty Veronica Ford honoured us by Acknowledging Country and telling a story of how important the Goulburn region was to the traditional custodians. Thank you very much for sharing that story with us! Wednesday was also the judging day for the GHS Damper Bake-Off. There were many fascinating entries into the categories of Taste and Creativity, but the challenge was won by Jen Geyer (Y9). Congratulations, Jen!

The day that everyone was waiting for was Thursday. Mrs Porter, Mrs Tomlinson and the Senior Hospitality classes had been working hard all week preparing dishes for the Bush Food Gourmet Buffet. That morning, a team of students finished off the dishes that included a spicy Kutjera Dip and crackers, a flavourful Camel Curry with Kutjera Damper, tasty Watleseed-baked Crocodile with Riberry Confit and a delicious Bush Banana Cake, but everyone's favourite was the Cajun BBQ Emu Steaks with bush sauce. There were many full stomachs at the end of lunch, and all the cooks, helpers and servers were rewarded by getting to taste the delicious food. We were also fortunate to have the Goulburn Post come and interview some students, but we think they may have just smelt the emu from their offices and followed their noses!

Friday was the final day for entries into the Indigenous Trivia Competition which had given all students the opportunity to learn some more about significant Indigenous people and events and win a prize for their effort! Not to be left out, all the students who assisted at the flag-raising ceremony and the Bush Food BBQ went into the draw for a 'thank you' gift. Congratulations to Matt Orton (Y11), whose assistance at the flag raising ceremony won him a gift voucher.

We hope that all students and their families had a great week, and the Aboriginal Student Committee is already planning an even better NAIDOC Week for 2012!

Ms Elizabeth Ferme, Aboriginal Education Co-ordinator









## FROM HAMBO'S SPORTS DESK

### Boys Hockey

The open boys hockey team played two games on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, with one win and one loss. They were unlucky to be beaten in the first game by Crookwell High School 2-1. The boys then played Keira High School, where they were successful with the winning score 3-1. This now puts the boys out of the knockout competition, but we congratulate them on how well they did in a very tough event.

### Zone Athletics

A bus load of students travelled to Canberra for the Zone Athletics Carnival. This was a great day with many successes for Goulburn High School. In the 12yrs girls, Kyarnna Plumb managed to win the age champion with Laura Ellis runner up. In the 16yrs boys, Bill Reid was the runner up age champion. Congratulations to all of those students who represented Goulburn High School at this event and good luck to those moving on to the Regional Carnival, which will also be held in Canberra.

### Zone and Regional Cross Country

A number of students made it through to the Zone Cross Country with a small number making it through to Regional. In the 12yrs boys, Jordan Gann was 1st at Zone and 2nd at Regional. Emmot Falconer, in the 14yrs boys, gained 1<sup>st</sup> at Zone and 4<sup>th</sup> at Regional. Bill Reid was 2<sup>nd</sup> at Zone and 6<sup>th</sup> at Regional in the 16yrs boys. The 14yrs boys were successful in the teams competition, managing to get through to the State Carnival. This team was made up of Darcy Coughlin, Lachlan Lewin, Jake Staines, Ben Staines and Emmot Falconer. Well done to all those students who represented Goulburn High School at such a high level of sport.

Paula Hambly

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

We are taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program this year.

From now until September 18th 2011, you can earn one Earn & Learn point for Goulburn High School for every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards or purchases made through Woolworths online or at Caltex Woolworths co-branded fuel outlets).

Points automatically appear on your shopping dockets, so all you need to do is send your dockets to school (Woolworths have even given us a special collection box!). You can enter your points online at <http://www.earnandlearn.net.au> if you prefer.

The more points you send in, the more we can redeem from a choice of resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

Please contact Mrs Reece if you require more information.



## PLEASE DON'T EAT MY CHICKEN

Goulburn High School went to the annual Goulburn Poultry Show on Sunday 19th of June. We had to get up and be at the Agriculture Farm by 7.15 am sharp to prepare the hens and cockerels to show. We had to be at the showground by 8.30am. Before doing this, we prepared the Welsummers by silking their feathers, wool washing their legs, then oiled their legs and comb and scrubbed their feet with a toothbrush in warm water. We brought two cockerels and five hens. Once we had finished prepping up our Welsummers, we were allowed to have a look at the other birds and hens. There was a wide variety of them: ducks, geese and silkies (a type of hen). The judging went on for hours because there were a lot of birds to judge. Caitlin Young was even allowed to help the steward during the judging.

We received prizes for our two cockerels, first and second, with the winning cockerel best breed ribbon to go with it. Our hens snagged first, second and third. The judge told us about the faults in our chickens and the good aspects of them, too. We want to thank Ms Hope for her tireless help and support.  
Jessica Ellis (Y9)

## CAREERS INFORMATION

**UAC GUIDES** have arrived, which means Year 12 must start to make some decisions. The **Universities Admission Centre** control the enrolments of HSC students to most of the universities in NSW and ACT, including ADFA (Australian Defence Force Academy) and degree courses offered by CIT (Canberra Institute of Technology). They have direct access to students' HSC results which they calculate to determine their ATAR rank. The UAC guides provide an invaluable resource for students looking to complete a degree, including detailed information on the courses that are available, entry requirements and employment options. Details of each of the universities is also provided, including facilities, support services, special entry schemes and scholarships. Students who are eligible for an ATAR should look at the course options that interest them and then do some further research at the university websites or in the Careers Resource Room. Information is rolling in each day on Open Days and enrolment options and opportunities. Students should look closely at the Early Entry Schemes offered by each of the institutes and **APPLY**. Successful students will often go into their final exams with the security of knowing that they have already been offered a university placement.

A **University Application Information Session** is planned for Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, in C9 at 5.30. This is a combined event with Mulwaree High School. All parents and students are encouraged to attend as it can be a daunting process without support, and there is a great deal of information to process to ensure that students are making the most of all available opportunities.

**RSA & RCG COURSES** : The school is planning once again to offer students an opportunity to gain these valuable industry qualifications. Unfortunately, changes to government regulations have increased the cost to \$210, which is still the cheapest training available. All training organisations who deliver this course will be subject to the \$100 increase, as the qualifications must now be processed with photographic ID. The course is planned for November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, however, we must have 30 students who are able to secure their placement with the full payment by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Interested Year 12 (priority) and Year 11 students should see Mrs Kennedy.

# What's on this term

3rd August	Y11 Hospitality I work placement (all week)
4th August	Y12 Drama performance evening for 'Family and Friends' at 6.30pm
5th August	Regional Athletics Carnival Junior Support Geography excursion
8th August	Y11 Hospitality II & Primary Industries work placement (all week)
9th August	<b>Subject Information Evening in the Hall</b> <b>Year 8 to 9: 5.30-6.30pm</b> <b>Year 10 to 11: 7.00-8.30pm</b>
11th August	Y10 Geography field trip to Sydney
15th August	Y11 Retail work placement (all week)
16th August	Wombeyan Caves Korean excursion
19th August	Y9—selected students to Wollondilly PS Infants Novelty Carnival Y7 to Y12—One Day Ski Trip
22nd August	Y7 & Aboriginal students to attend Boori Monty Pryor talk in the library
1st September	Dubbo Heifer Show (2 days) Captains' dinner with Pru Goward
2nd September	Y11 Preliminary Exams (until 13th September)
14th September	Y11 Great Barrier Reef Excursion (6 days)
20th September	Y12 Activities
21st September	Y12 Fun Day
22nd September	Y12 Formal Graduation Assembly

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# P & C dates for 2011

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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