



Goulburn High School News

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GHS cattle team receives sponsorship

JD Hardware & Rural Supplies and Leader Products have started to sponsor our cattle team with vests, shirts and an assortment of tools for the coming shows. (cont. p 5)



Fitting Farewell Festivities

GHS year 12 students celebrated in style for the last time when attending the 'school cliques' themed social in early August. Year 7 to 12 students enjoyed themselves throughout the night—to pumping tunes by DJ Shane Burgess, with dance offs and plenty of costume inspired shenanigans. As well as princesses, nerds, bogans, cheerleaders and emotionally challenged emos, Harry Potter, Hermione and Ron Weasley also attended. (cont. p 3)



Another show at Holbrook

GHS students put our Dorset sheep on a ute and inside a horse float to get them to Holbrook to hopefully receive ribbons and awards for their hard work. All that scrubbing, fluffing, sweet talking and bleating is getting good results so far.

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Principal's Report

Last week Goulburn High School successfully hosted 20 Korean students and two staff as part of our sister school relationship with Jae Ju Dong Girls Middle School. The aim of the visit was to promote the friendship between Australia and Korea and in doing so, also contribute to the educational development of both schools through the international exchange of language and culture. It should be noted that this exchange would not be possible without the support of our host families. As well, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mr Joseph, who coordinated the program.

We held our second school meeting for the "100 Year" committee and have drafted a range of activities that will be celebrated during the next 12 months. If you are interested in being part of the committee or assisting in any way, please contact the school. This is an exciting event and will link in with Goulburn celebrating its 150 year anniversary.

Thank you to all those parents who attended the elective evening for Years 9 and 11 (2012). I hope the evening was informative and has assisted the students in choosing their electives. The process will be finalised by the end of this term.

Our Homework Centre has been in operation for 4 weeks and continues to attract around 22 students each Monday. This is a great opportunity for our students to have assistance in completing homework and assignment tasks.

A reminder for all Year 12 students to check regularly with Mrs Kennedy (Careers Adviser) for closing dates for universities, TAFE, etc.

As part of our Year 6 to 7 transition program, 30 year 10 students have nominated to be Peer Support Leaders and will undergo formal training during Term 4. These leaders will assist our new students to assimilate into our school.

Currently, we have enrolled 615 students at our school. Next year, we are anticipating 671 students, which is a significant increase. This will mean, at this stage, an increase in our staffing for 2012.

To all our students and especially Year 12, keep working hard for the rest of the term.



GHS HOMEWORK CENTRE



When: Every Monday GHS is offering additional help with homework and assessments to all students. Different teachers are present to assist students and afternoon tea is provided.

Where: In the library between 3.30pm and 5pm. If a student needs to leave before the Homework Centre closes, please provide a written note.

Why: Because teachers at GHS care about their students and want everyone to achieve to ability.





HOLBROOK SHEEP FAIR

On the 15th June a group of year 9 and 10 Agriculture students gathered at 4:45am at the GHS Agriculture Farm, to load the sheep onto their transportation (horse float and back of a ute).

We left the Agriculture Farm at 5am and started our 3 ½ hour trip to Holbrook. Once we arrived at Holbrook, we were told we would be attending a couple of classes as a good learning experience. In these classes we met 2 different stud sheep breeders who had won many 1st place ribbons. They showed us the good and bad traits of their sheep. We also met a man who showed us the different types of classes of wool and how the quality of the wool is tested. On the first day we showed our sheep, which were Dorset's, in the singles and pairs event. One of our sheep got into the second round of the singles but then struck out against some very good competition.

On our second day at the sheep fair, four people from our group volunteered to help steward the black and coloured sheep event. No one knew how to steward but we were told what we needed to know and how to do it. After the event, we were informed by the judges we had done very well.

We also had the opportunity to participate in the junior judging. That meant we got the chance to judge some of the best sheep there and give our comments on what we thought of them. All these new experiences were exciting and fun and I am looking forward to next year's sheep fair. I would also like to thank Ms Hope for all her help.

Kimberley Sykes



JD HARDWARE & RURAL SUPPLIES AND LEADER PRODUCTS SPONSOR OUR CATTLE TEAM



On the 16th June, seven Goulburn High School students travelled to Crookwell for the JD Hardware and Rural Supplies Annual Trade Fair. Rob Neale of Leader Products had approached our cattle team about the possibility of sponsoring us. At this trade fair, Rob and Mark from Leader Products, along with Jason Deller from JD Hardware & Rural Supplies, announced the sponsorship and presented the cattle team with embroidered uniforms to be worn when representing the school at cattle shows around the state. Leader Products' very generous sponsorship also included show canes, electric prodders, feeders, marking spray and pink eye patches. These items will compliment our cattle team and assist us greatly in preparing our cattle for future shows. Mark and Rob have also been talking to us about taking a team to Rockhampton in 2012 to the Beefexpo, which would be an amazing experience for our team. We are extremely grateful for the support and encouragement we have received from Leader Products and JD's and would like to thank them for the confidence they have shown in our team.

We are currently preparing our cattle for the Dubbo Interbreed Cattle Show and the Annual Poll Hereford Show in Canberra, where we hope to bring home ribbons and show Goulburn High School off to the cattle industry once more. Our thanks also go to Ms Hope and Mrs Eagles who always put in a lot of time and effort into the cattle and the team to help us achieve continued success.

Zac Bladwell
and the Goulburn High Cattle Team

IS SHAUN READY TO TACKLE THE GRUEL- LING CHALLENGE AND WALK THE KOKODA TRACK?



You had an interview with the Soldier's Club, the main Kokoda track sponsor. What did they ask you?

They asked me what I wanted to achieve from walking the Kokoda track, and asked me what I knew about the history of the Kokoda track. Did I know what I wanted to gain physically and emotionally, and did I think I could do it if I was chosen? I must have answered all those questions to their standard, because I was chosen out of 12 applicants.

What have you already started to change about your workout, getting ready for the gruelling task ahead?

I have gone to the gym a lot more through the week, and I have been going for long runs and walks. I have also cut right back on my junk food intake and been eating a lot of more fruit and veg.

What has Ashleigh Craig, GHS's last Kokoda track sponsorship recipient, told you about the track?

She told me about her journey over there and what she gained out of walking the track, the great friends that she made and the things she saw. She said the track was quite challenging but once you finish the track, it was the best feeling.

CAREERS INFORMATION

University of Wollongong – have issued an invitation to students in Year 7-10 to attend “learning labs” – a holiday program with workshops in the fields of Ethics & Law, Engineering, English, Science & History.

The workshops will run over two days on the 13th & 14th of January. University academics will program and run the workshops, allowing students to immerse themselves in specific academic fields. They will get unlimited access to the academics as well as an opportunity to explore the university campus. A cost will be involved and scholarships may be available, however details of this are as yet unavailable.

Interested students should see Mrs Kennedy so that we can register the school’s interest in participating.

TERTIARY OPEN DAY – CANBERRA SATURDAY 27th AUGUST

This is a great opportunity to take a look at the courses and campuses of Australian National University; Canberra University; Australian Catholic University; Canberra Institute of Technology (TAFE); and Duntroon. All students in Yrs 10 -12 and their parents and carers would greatly benefit from this visit to Canberra. See Mrs Kennedy or go to www.tertiaryopenday.com to plan your day effectively.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE:

Reminder: 14th – 18th November

Forms are available in C9 for students to complete and pass on to employers. Forms must be completed and returned to Mrs Kennedy no later than Friday 4th November.

TAX FILE NUMBERS !

Reminder: 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.

Goulburn High School Newsletter would like to apologise for excluding three work placement businesses on our ‘thank you’ sheet in term 2:

**Goulburn Public School
Scalliwags Childcare Centre
Wollondale Farmstay & Stud**

FROM HAMBO’S SPORTS DESK

A small number of students have recently represented Goulburn High School at the Regional Athletics Carnival held in Canberra. These students were very competitive in their respective age groups, gaining some pleasing results. Four students will now move forward to the State Carnival which will be held at Homebush. Laura Ellis will compete in the hurdles and also the shot put for 12yrs girls with Kyarna Plumb competing in the high jump for the same age group. In the boys, we have Bill Reid in the 16yrs boys competing in both the 400m and also the 800m. Reece Langdon will compete in the 400m for the 15 yrs boys. Good luck to these four students and well done to those who didn’t make it any further.

Coming up on the 21st October 2011:

we will be participating in the Smith Cup against Bowral High School. I hope to see as many students as possible either participating in this sporting exchange, or supporting GHS’s representatives.

Woolworths Earn and Learn and Coles Sporting Vouchers

Don’t forget to send in your Woolworths dockets and Coles sports vouchers into school.

Dockets and vouchers should be left in the boxes near the front office.

The more dockets and vouchers we are able to collect, the more prizes we will be able to redeem.



We had another informative meeting on Wednesday 10th August. Principal Mr Peter Browne spoke of projected enrolment numbers and staffing levels for next year. Our Year 8 classes are at present at capacity, and a new numeracy/literacy class has been created.

Students have taken advantage of the help from teachers with their homework and assignments through the introduction of the Homework Centre each Monday from 3.30 to 5pm. We congratulate and thank the teaching staff for this initiative.

Mr Browne discussed the announcement that this Year 10 cohort would be the final year group to complete the School Certificate. No alternative has been announced at this stage.

Mr Browne spoke highly of the staff development session on Cyber Bullying and recommended that the P&C should think seriously about hosting a similar session for parents to attend.

Concern was expressed about the Federal Government decision to discontinue the issue of laptops to students after 2012. We were most disappointed to learn of this decision, and a letter indicating this will be sent by the P&C to Peter Garrett, Federal Minister of Education.

We welcomed the 20 Korean students visiting Goulburn High School for 10 days. We thank all parents and staff for opening their homes and lives to the visiting students. We would especially like to thank Mr Joseph for his efforts and enthusiasm co-ordinating this exchange. We congratulate all teachers involved in the Subject Selection Information evening, particularly Mrs Randall, the Year 10 advisor. Feedback from the evening was most positive.

An important initiative by the P&C is the upgrading of our school hall. We are working towards improving the facilities we can offer our students and the community. To this end, approaches have been made to the Department of Education and Community Properties branch to investigate all possibilities. We will need to raise funds and apply for grants to bring this to fruition. We will need the whole school community to come on board and support our efforts. Our next fundraiser will be another Eagle Boys Pizza Night on 7th September. We raise \$1 for each pizza sold, and 220 families and staff supported our last evening. Thank you all. More fundraisers will be planned.

Plans are in motion for the Centenary of GHS. Everyone is welcome to participate in the planning and organisation. Sub-committees will be formed to arrange different aspects of the celebrations, so come along and join the proud students, ex-students, teachers, ex-teachers and community members. There are some wonderful plans in the making. We plan to advertise these meetings broadly throughout the community.

The members of the P&C moved that \$1000 be donated to the GHS Presentation Night funds. This money is to support the school in providing prizes for student achievements.

As you can see, there are many issues discussed at our meetings. We encourage parents to come along on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Our next meeting is 14th September.

See you there,
Paula Geary
P&C President

What's on this term

25th August	Aboriginal Engagement Program (20 students)
26th August	SRC Casual Clothes day
31st August	Leadership Induction Assembly (period 3)
1st September	Dubbo Heifer Show (2 days) Captains' dinner with Pru Goward Y 12 Business Studies Enrichment Day— Goulburn Aboriginal Education digital literacies program (20 students)
2nd September	Y11 Preliminary Exams (until 13th September) Y12 Drama Marking (8.30am —11.50am)
5th September	Year 6 Taster Days (Monday to Wednesday)
14th September	Y11 Great Barrier Reef Excursion (6 days) Y10—Goulburn East PS Science Day
15th September	Aboriginal Engagement Program (20 students)
20th September	Y12 Activities SPAC Expo
21st September	Y12 Fun Day
22nd September	Y12 Formal Graduation Assembly

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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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