



Goulburn High School News

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Luke Charnock's Industrial Technology HSC Major Project

All participants, along with Mrs Stephenson and Miss Jordan, received a Certificate of Appreciation for representing GHS at Southern Stars Inspire 2012. Well done!





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the term comes to an end, it is time to wish our year 12 students well in their exams and the best for their future. Our year 12 farewell assembly will be held on Thursday 20th September in our school hall. Whilst year 12 gets ready for their exams, year 11 students are starting theirs. The preliminary HSC exams will run from 11th to 18th September. We wish our year 11 students all the best and expect them to aim high and do their best.

Recently, a group of our students travelled to Wollongong to participate in the Southern Stars dance and music spectacular. This was the culmination of many months of hard work and preparation, rehearsing different dance rou-

tines that were finally performed in front of an audience of thousands at the live show. Thanks to the hard work of Mrs Stephenson, Miss Jordan and all our dancers, our students looked spectacular in their costumes performing their routines. A very big well done and congratulations!

Last week, selections of end of year activities took place. I would like to thank the staff for the diverse, fun and interesting array of activities on offer and Mr Killeen for his great organisational skills. A reminder to students who chose activities that had an associated cost to pay their excursion fees at the school office when directed by the activity organiser.

In two weeks time on the first Tuesday of the school holidays, seven students and four staff will travel to South Korea as part of our school exchange with our sister school at Jeju Si. Goulburn Country and Workwear have kindly donated the tour jerseys, helping to reduce the costs of the excursion for all participants. I would like to thank Goulburn Country and Workwear for their continued support of this exchange and also for sponsoring our Breakfast Club.

A big thank you to the parents and community members who supported the school by bringing in sticker sheets for the recent Woolworths school promotion. Mrs Anable did a fantastic job in counting and putting stickers onto unfilled sheets. Her efforts were very much appreciated. Over 700 sheets were submitted to Woolworths at the end of the promotion.

It is vital that students get to school on time and attend classes each morning. Whilst reasons for students being late for school are sometimes unavoidable, most late students are arriving with excuses such as sleeping in or not hearing the alarm. A student being late not only interrupts the learning taking place as they walk into a running lesson, but is also poor preparation for the workplace, where continued lateness can cost a person their job. If your child is late for an unavoidable reason, please ensure that they come with a note explaining their reasons. This will allow the school to determine which students are genuinely late from those who are not putting in their best effort to be at school on time. There are consequences for students who are continually late without a note.

A reminder that the school is not currently sending SMS messages to parents when their child is away due to technical issues. Parents will need to ensure they write notes explaining their child's absence until the system is restored.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish students, parents and staff a safe and happy spring break and urge year 12 students to use this time wisely in preparation for their HSC exams. A reminder that there is no pupil free day at the start of term 4 and that students are expected at school on Monday 8th October.

Mr V Joseph



GHS's Breakfast Club is going strong and serving a very popular Spanish Omelette this term. Pancake Thursday is attracting up to 30 students each week. Thanks to Goulburn Country and Workwear for their generous support.



IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Skateboards, Scooters and Bicycles

The school is very concerned about the safety of students riding these modes of transport to school, as little or no protective gear is often worn despite students riding on concrete and roads, sometimes at considerable speed.

In addition to this issue, a number of thefts of scooters, parts of scooters and skateboards have taken place previously and this has caused great concern, and on some occasions, has led to the police being contacted.

As a result of the safety issue and the inability to store student scooters and skateboards securely, the school has banned students from bringing scooters, skateboards and/or similar modes of transport to school under any circumstances. Bicycles may be ridden to school, but should not be ridden once on school grounds. The school does provide a bike rack for the secure storage of bikes, where students supply their own lock. The school does encourage all bike riders to wear a helmet for their own safety and we ask that parents support the school with this requirement.



PBS - Positive Behaviour for Success

Congratulations to recent winners in our draw for a Canteen Voucher. These students represent the many students who consistently demonstrate our school values.



FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION – 12th September, 2012

Come and meet our staff
Hear comprehensive information on all aspects of exchange
Ask questions
Listen to questions asked by other students and parents, and
Meet other students who are considering going on exchange
Scholarships available!

Our next LIVE online information session will be held at:

6:30pm (AEST) on Wednesday, 12th September

To secure your place, please register online: <http://studentexchange.org.au/info-sessions/>

1300 135 331 (cost of a local call)

FREE 24/7 ON DEMAND - VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

Our online sessions provide access to the same comprehensive information presented at our city sessions. If you live remotely from the major cities or cannot get along in person you can also watch our **24/7 On Demand** streaming media presentations **anytime you like**.

To access the 6 videos available, please register online.

2012 Science Extravaganza



On the 21st August nearly 200 people came to the first GHS Science Extravaganza. Everyone was amazed at the outstanding science projects. Many people commented that they were highly impressed with all student work. As part of the night, a paper plane competition was held with Tiffany Edwards missing the target by only 6 cm and Ursula Kemmis taking out the prize with a direct hit.

But let's not forget what the Science Extravaganza was about: the winning projects!!

And the winners are:

People's Choice award runner-ups - Hannah Greaves and Shayley Woodgate for their project *Flammable Fabrics*

People's Choice award winner – Mitchell Webster for his project *The effect of cold temperature on the efficiency of diesel.*

Year 7 Runner-ups - *Flammable Fabrics* by Hannah Greaves and Shayley Woodgate

Year 7 Winners – *Bridge Design; Which is the strongest?* by Otto Kemmis and Sean Kelly

Year 8 Runner-up – *Which detergent removes stains the best?* by Sheridan Hazelgrove

Year 8 Winner – *DNA Extraction* by Jemma Frost

Year 9 Runner-up – *Do physical activities affect your vital lung capacity?* by Mikayla Evans

Year 9 Winner – *Can green and golden bell frogs live in Goulburn?* by Emmot Falconer

Year 10 Runner-up- *Which plastic bag is the strongest?* by Stephanie Old

Year 10 Winner – *Tooth Decay* by Jennifer Geyer

Overall Runner-up - *The effect of cold temperature on the efficiency of diesel* by Mitchell Webster

Overall winner – *How does energy affect a person's memory?* by Mikayla Baines



All award winners for their year and overall award winners will be invited to enter their projects in the University of Wollongong Science Fair held in October. This event has been held annually for the past 10 years with over 30 schools participating from all over the state. We wish the GHS team all the best at this prestigious event.

Mrs K Hyland

What is happening in Science?



On Friday 31st August the CSIRO came to Goulburn High School to present a workshop about nanotechnology. Students had the opportunity to investigate the rapidly moving technological advances that industry is developing for everyday use. Some of the nanotechnologies researched included medical applications to test for disease, self-cleaning shirts, sunscreen, how DVD and CDs work as well as carbon nanotubes. All of the students who participated had a great time.

On the 11th September a group of engineers from

ANU worked with a small group of students to design and build robots. This event is part of the ROBOGIRLS program developed by Marita Cheng, 2012 Young Australian of the Year. The program is focusing on making careers such as engineering more accessible for female students.

Mrs K Hyland



Southern Stars Inspire 2012

This year Goulburn High School was lucky enough to perform in Southern Stars Inspire 2012. We had sixteen very excited and dedicated students who were eager to get on the dance floor. Our rehearsals kicked off at the end of July. We had many after school practices and three trips to Wollongong for very full-on rehearsals. In the meantime we had busy mums who were at home sewing our costumes, mothers and fathers driving us all over the place for practices and tired parents shouting at us to wake up on those early mornings. Show week began on Wednesday the 29th August, with an all-day technical run through. It was a very



long, tiring and dance filled day. The next day we were at school at 5:20am to get on the bus and head to Wollongong for a jam packed three days. That day we had a dress rehearsal with all dancers and we wore our shiny costumes. That night we had pizza for dinner, which we all deserved. Friday morning was an early start, with a 10am show for all school students in and around Wollongong. After the morning show we had lunch at the beach with our friends the seagulls, and then finished the afternoon with some retail therapy. That night we had another performance that started at 8pm. While we were underground waiting to go on, we danced away to music and made friends with students from other schools, and we had a really great night. After the show we got back to the motel at 10:30pm and all headed straight to bed as we were extremely tired. A very big thank you goes to Mr Joseph for travelling down to watch the Friday night performance; we really appreciated your being there.

On Saturday morning we got a sleep in, which was well deserved. We didn't have to be at the Entertainment Centre until 1pm that day so we headed to the mall for some lunch and a look around. We had another successful show at 2pm. That night we had an 8pm show which was our last show for this year. We put our heart and soul into our performance and had a great time. On behalf of all students involved in Southern Stars 2012 I would just like to say a very big thank you to all the mothers and fathers who drove us to Wollongong and back. I would also like to thank our wonderful teachers who accompanied us on this journey. Mrs Stephenson and Miss Jordan, thank you for all the time and effort you both put into the organisation and your company on this exciting trip.

Courtney Backhouse, Year 11



On the 24th August, students who had participated in the **Alternate School Program** were awarded a certificate from **TAFE**. They participated in a program which gave them a taste of various courses available such as Construction and Childcare. They also completed a First Aid Certificate and their OHS White Card. Congratulations to Jacob Baker, Jon-Tomas Wainright, Kyra Killin and Jake Lacey on their efforts throughout the last two terms!

Ms A Joshua



Outdoors Education At Its Best

On the 20th August a large group of 54 Year 10 students boarded the bus to Kurnell to examine the coastal process and management that is taking place within the region. The first stop on the trip was the Wooloware Bay Mangrove Ecosystem, where students examined the health and wellbeing of the fragile ecosystem, making recordings and collecting samples using the school's Streamwatch kits.

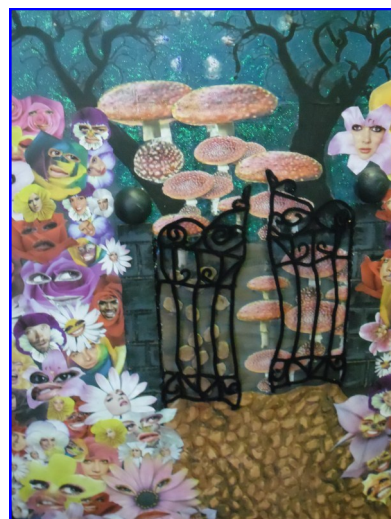
With valuable data collected, we moved on to Silver Beach which is undergoing significant changes. Long-shore drift has played havoc with various industries, in particular the ever increasing Botany Bay Port facilities. Students completed field sketches of the human activities in the Bay and the establishment of groynes to effectively manage the issue.

After a well-earned lunch in Cronulla it was back to work at South Cronulla Beach. The beach is a high energy location with numerous rip patterns and consistent issues with beach erosion. Beach management was the focus for the third site of the day, with management of the location the central theme.

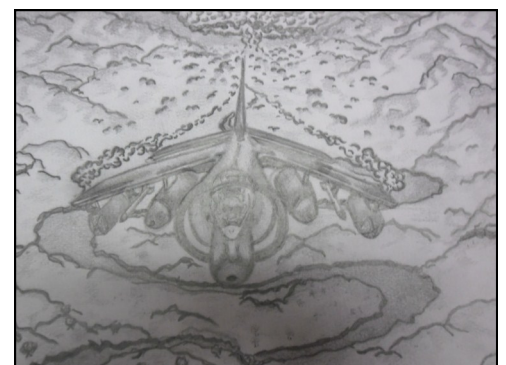
With the work completed, students were reluctant to head back to a not so sunny Goulburn. With a well-earned stop at McDonalds on the way home, the trip was jam packed and highly educational.

Big thank you to Mr Chin for all his help.

Mr A Stoevelaar



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Trip to the snow

On the 17th August, 20 students and 2 teachers travelled down to Perisher Blue for a day of skiing and snow boarding. The day started with us meeting at school at 3am in the freezing cold. Once everyone arrived we got on the bus and started our journey to the snow fields. After three and a half hours of travel and a stop at McDonalds, we finally arrived at the ski tube. Excited and raring to go, we got our gear and caught the train to Blue Cow. When we arrived we stepped onto the snowfield with heavy snow falling. As we waited for our lesson everyone thought they would walk up the first slope and ski down. This concluded with a lot of falls and laughs. As the conditions got worse and the snow got heavier we all had a lesson. In the lesson we were taught the basics of skiing and boarding, and it made life on the slopes a lot easier. Once the lesson finished, we had hot chocolates and hit the slopes for some free time. Everyone had a fantastic day and we are counting down till next year's trip.



Mr R Chamberlain.

SPORTS REPORT

It's about to get busy again for our sports men and women ! Over the coming weeks, we will be sending a large group of junior students to the Year 7 & 8 Touch Knockout. The teams have been training under the guidance of Mr Gregory and Mr Chamberlain and should look forward to some good results.

In the PE department, we are getting excited about the Smith Cup. It will be held on Friday of Week 2. Sign ups have occurred in Sport lessons. If you have missed this sign up opportunity, please see a member of the PE staff. Training for sports started this week in both PE and Sport lessons. We hope to retain the cup in our 100th year!



Congratulations to all the students who exhibited their Science Projects in the Science Fair. What a wonderful evening for the families to enjoy. There were many proud parents in attendance, viewing the interesting experiments undertaken by GHS students. Our thanks to all the teachers who co-ordinated this impressive exhibition, and the students for their work.

It was fun for everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to view the moon, seen through the telescope set up by Mr Joseph, on such a beautiful and clear night sky.

Goulburn High students have once again brought credit to our school with their performance in "The Southern Stars" production held in Wollongong. Miss Jordan and Mrs Stephenson were most proud of the students' performances. Congratulations to all those involved.

Plans are coming to fruition for the 100 Year Celebration Dinner on 29th September. If parents of present students are planning to attend, tickets can be purchased from the GHS Office before 21st September. Parents who would like to have their children's attendance at GHS recorded forever can purchase a paver for the pathway which will be constructed near the flagpoles at the front of GHS. Application forms can be collected from the GHS Office.

P&C President, Paula Geary

P & C Dates for 2012

12th of September

10th of October

14th of November

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

What's on this term

- 12th September - Senior Support and ESL excursion to Wombeyan Caves
Year 7 & 8 Touch Knockout
Year 11 Preliminary Exams (5 days)
- 18th September - SPAC Expo (2 days)
- 20th September - Year 12 Graduation Assembly
Year 7 Immunisation (period 3 & 4)

... and next

- 8th October - Term 4
- 15th October - HSC Exams start
- 19th October - Smith Cup at Goulburn
- 23rd October - UC Aspire visit (all ESL students)
Aboriginal performance: Matthew Doyle
- 8th November - Leadership Camp (proposed date)
- 16th November - Year 12 Formal

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