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Mr Wybrow and Mr Joseph 'Lost in Translation' on their trip to Korea.



And the Smith Cup goes to: GOULBURN HIGH!

Chloe Ryan, Year 12 2012, received the **Timothy Dylan Hartnett (BHMS) Memorial Award for Achievement and Encouragement** at last term's Year 12 assembly. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Cheryl Hartnett for attending the ceremony.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 4 has kicked off with amazing weather, including snow and warm sunshine on the same day. Over the spring school holidays, Goulburn High School staff and students were busy with a number of activities. The 100 years birthday ball took place on the middle weekend of the holidays with over 180 past and present Goulburn High School students and staff enjoying a wonderful dinner and great company, reminiscing about their time at GHS. I would like to thank the organising committee for the amazing job they did in putting together such a wonderful event. Special thanks also to Mr Ted Killeen, one of our teachers, who made a spectacular cake for the celebrations.

Also during the holidays, our Korean exchange took place and was a great success, with students and adults enjoying beautiful weather, fantastic scenery and wonderful hospitality. Highlights included climbing to the rim of an extinct volcano, walking through lava tubes and sampling a wide variety of Korean cuisine. Thank you to the staff and students who made this such a memorable trip. Congratulations also to Mrs Anna Robinson who successfully walked the Kokoda Track over the break – a truly great accomplishment.

The Higher School Certificate examinations began on Monday 15th October and will continue for a further two weeks. We wish our students the very best for their exams and for their future outside of Goulburn High School. Year 11 students completed their examinations at the end of term 3 and are now working through their HSC course. We have high expectations for our students and will continue to support them to do their best, with the first of a number of workshops on study skills having taken place on Wednesday 17th October. These workshops are delivered through the Australian National University both in Goulburn and on campus in Canberra and have been coordinated by Mr Ross Mackay, the Year 11 student advisor. I would like to thank the ANU and Mr Mackay for the provision of such quality and worthwhile learning experiences for our students.

By the time this newsletter is published, the Smith Cup will have taken place. This sporting and cultural exchange between Goulburn High School and Bowral High School is the oldest of its kind in NSW. I would like to thank the PE faculty, school staff and especially Mrs Michelle Randall for all the hard work and preparation for this event. Regardless of the result, the teamwork and positive behaviour exhibited by our students makes me feel very proud of the school I am privileged to work in.

Our school continues to grow with many new enrolments every week. Currently our timetable and curriculum teams are working to determine the timetables and subjects available next year and the new teaching positions that are being made available due to our increasing numbers of students. We enjoy a great reputation as a quality high school due primarily to the hard work, innovation and dedication of our staff.

Vero Joseph

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Correct footwear at school

Uniform is an integral and compulsory part of daily attendance here at Goulburn High School. The school uniform code was decided in consultation with the school community. The school uniform requires fully enclosed black, patent leather shoes with plain black laces to be worn daily.

NSW Department of Education and Communities guidelines in relation to safety and footwear in schools prohibit students from participating in practical activities such as cooking, woodwork and science experiments if they are not wearing substantial footwear – leather or equivalent.

The school understands that from time to time it is not possible to send students in the correct school uniform for a range of reasons. Parents are asked to please provide written explanations on these occasions.

If you require financial support with the provision of school uniform you can contact the school and we may be able to assist. All such communication is confidential.

YEAR 8 EXCURSION TO TIDBINBILLA NATIONAL PARK

We all arrived at school at 9:00am to board the bus for the 2 hour drive up to Tidbinbilla. At first there was a little bit of trouble getting there but we finally made it to meet the ranger. He took us to a meeting place which was decorated with Aboriginal artworks. This was where we learnt about Tidbinbilla's Aboriginal history. Tidbinbilla was a place where boys came to become men.



We then headed off and started our tour. We followed the ranger around a concrete path, observing the vegetation and wildlife on the way. We paused on a few occasions to talk about the animals we were observing. Some of these animals included wallabies, emus, platypuses and a variety of birds. The platypus was a rare sight for all, including for Mr Mackay as he had never seen a platypus before in the wild.

Some of our Korean exchange students also attended the trip and were fascinated by the range of Australian animals.

We then had lunch after our tour, where we were given the chance to relax or play. We then headed back to the bus and returned back to school.

A special thanks to Mr Mackay and Mrs James for organising this activity.

by Renae Robinson, Tara Edworthy and Justin Keys-Hodder

PBS - Positive Behaviour for Success

Congratulations to recent prize winners in our weekly PBS draws. Students continue to demonstrate our school values in various ways, ensuring our playground is clean and tidy, being courteous and considerate in their dealings with each other and aiming high in all they do.

Our most recent focus has been on playground boundaries and expectations. As a result of a student and staff survey, we are trialling the use of the oval at recess. This means students are able to enjoy playing active games at recess as well as lunchtime. With the recent warmer weather, students should be able to make the most of this opportunity.



Deputy Principal's Message

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to school for Term 4. This term is always an extremely busy one as all students prepare for their yearly examinations. Hopefully all students have returned to school refreshed, ready to work to the best of their ability and to strive towards working in the school community to display our school values of ***aim high, be positive, be responsible, be considerate and respect yourself, others and the environment*** during the term.



The last week of Term 3 was packed with excitement and sadness. It was the last week of formal schooling for Year 12; they graduated as the school's 100th senior year. The formal and informal assemblies, events, and sporting events were wonderful occasions and demonstrated the exceptional levels of goodwill and cooperation that exists between staff and students at Goulburn High School. Year 12, we wish you well for your HSC examinations and prosperous, happy and productive futures. Your outstanding contributions to the life of our school have been noted and appreciated. Continue to aim high!

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of our captains, vice captains and prefects, who have all shown fine leadership at many key school and wider community functions. Their hard work has made them wonderful role models for our future leaders.

During the past school holidays, seven students, two members of staff and I travelled to Korea on the annual school exchange program. It was a fantastic cultural learning experience for all participants. Lots of memorable and exciting events were enjoyed, but one that will stick in my mind for a long time was Clay Woodberry trying to convince everyone just how nice cooked silkworms actually tasted - the expression on his face told a different story. I encourage all students and families to think about being involved in this exchange in 2013.

Over the past October long weekend the centennial celebration gala ball was held at the Goulburn Soldiers Club. It was a fantastic evening by all accounts, where lots of old friendships were reunited, an exciting and memorable evening was enjoyed by all in attendance, and the soft music played was very much appreciated. An enormous thank you must be given to Paula Geary who coordinated the function, as well as other celebrative events still to happen. Her gigantic effort is much appreciated by everyone, and yes, Paula, you have the job for the 150th celebrations!

One of the most important celebrations of the year is Presentation Night which will be held on Wednesday 12th December. Mrs Reece has begun coordinating the evening's awards and her team's tireless efforts will contribute to a highly satisfying evening and fitting conclusion to a year of spectacular successes and incredible learning and sporting achievements.

Year 11 begin their HSC courses this term and have already made some decisions about their final HSC study program.

It is always vitally important that all students make the maximum effort during the whole term to ensure they achieve their personal best in all subjects and lay firm foundations for further progress next year. Formal examinations will be held for all years during the following weeks:

Year 7	during week 4
Year 8	during week 4
Year 9	during week 5
Year 10	during week 5
Year 11	your first HSC assessment tasks will commence throughout the term.

The highly successful Homework Centre will once again operate during the term. I strongly encourage all students to think about attending this centre on a regular basis to help strengthen their study skills, keep up to date with assignments and assessment tasks and to get some extra help with their daily class work. The Homework Centre is open to all our students from Years 7 to 12 and it is free.

Finally, I am very appreciative of the high level of support we are receiving from parents as we work together to ensure each student is achieving their personal best in an environment focused on learning.

Best wishes for the term
Mr Allan Wybrow
Deputy Principal



Goulburn High School farewelled the class of 2012 last term, with a typically bittersweet assembly. Ms Whiley gave an emotional speech to her 'kids', wishing them the best luck in all their endeavours. Max Tunks walked away as well deserved Dux of 2012 and many more special awards were handed to teary eyed students. Good luck in the HSC; we will miss you.





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Saturday 10th November, 2012
 Truck convoy begins at 10am from the Gateway Service Station via Lagoon St and Auburn St to the Showground. The day will include demonstrations / displays, truck judging (various categories), stalls, kids' jumping castle, auction, and many other attractions. It will be a great family day. Put a team in for the truck pull! Plan to be there. For more info, contact the phone number above.



Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thank you to all who brought in stickers for the Earn and Learn promotion. We collected 22000 stickers. We have redeemed them for a large number of books which will be used in the English Year 7 Picture Book Unit and the Year 8 Telling Tales Unit. We have also redeemed the stickers for a number of board games which will be used for special days, such as Smith Cup and End of Year Activity Days and occasionally in lessons. The books and games should arrive early Term 1 2013. (A special thank you to Mrs Anable for collecting, counting and applying all those stickers—the Editor)

Red Cross Blood Service

Thank you to those students who donated blood for the 2011 – 2012 Vampire Shield. Goulburn High students gave 15 donations which helped 45 people. Our numbers were down on previous years, so let's try and give more donations in the 2012 – 2013 challenge.

Congratulations to Kimberley McFarlane, Courtney Saebisch, Jacob Baker and Jamie Rankin for giving blood for the first time last term. We are looking for more students to give blood and help others. If you are 16 or over, healthy and haven't had a tattoo or piercing in the last 6 months you are eligible. You can go during school hours if you wish. The Red Cross will pay for a taxi to take you there, then return you to school afterwards. Enjoy a milkshake or other drink and a snack afterwards before you return to school. You can go on your own or with others. See Mrs Anable for more details.





A KOREAN ADVENTURE

On Tuesday 25th of September, seven GHS students were up bright and early to be at Sydney airport at 7:00am, accompanied by Mr Joseph, Mr and Mrs Wybrow and Miss Spence. We checked in our luggage, said goodbye to families and went to have breakfast in the departure terminal. At 9:00am we boarded our flight and found our seats. We were travelling with Moss Vale and Campbelltown schools. The flight was 10 hours long, so we had lunch and dinner on the flight. When we landed in Seoul, we had dinner at McDonald's and exchanged our money. After everyone had finished, we got on the bus and travelled to where we were staying. When we got to the hostel, we were assigned our rooms and unpacked.

The next day we had breakfast and started our day of touring around Seoul. First we went to the D.M.Z where we learnt about the war between North and South Korea. We then went to Korea's War Memorial; we looked around and then had lunch. After lunch we went to Seoul Tower, which is like our Centrepont Tower. We went to the top and later watched some traditional Korean dances. After some shopping, we went back to the hostel and had dinner. In the evening, we went for a walk down the street.

The next day we had breakfast and travelled to Seoul Folk Village. We watched some dances, learnt a bit about Korea's culture and history and went shopping and had lunch. After lunch we got back on the bus and went to the airport, checked in our luggage again and waited for the plane to board. Moss Vale and Campbelltown stayed in Seoul. It took 1 hour to fly to Jeju International Airport. When we arrived we collected our luggage and went to meet our host families. When everyone was introduced to their families we each went our separate ways to our hosts' houses.

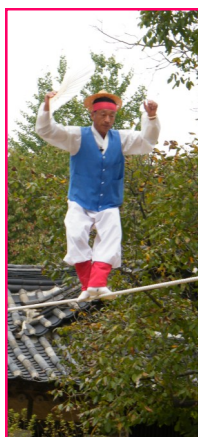
On Friday we went to Jeju Dong Girls' Middle School. At school we went to some classes and saw how Korean classrooms are run. Saturday and Sunday we spent with our host families. Sunday was Korea's Thanksgiving Day and we spent the day participating in traditional events. On Monday we met at Jeju Dong Middle School and got on a tour bus and went to caves that were actually old volcanos. After we had a look around, we got back on the bus and travelled to the base of Sunrise Peak. We walked up a lot of stairs but we finally got to the top and the view was amazing. After we took some photos we started the walk back down. When we got to the bottom we got back on the bus and went to a waterfall and took some photos and had a look around. Just before we got on the bus Mr Joseph bought some silk worms to eat—and most of us tried at least one but some of us had more. We got on the bus and went back to Jeju Dong Middle School. Once we arrived we went to our host families' houses.

On Tuesday the 2nd we met at the school again and travelled to the five day markets. At the markets there were clothes, food and even porcupines. After we had finished shopping we got on the bus and went to Hallim Park. At Hallim Park we looked around for a while. We went to a few other places before we went back to school and then walked to a restaurant for a farewell dinner. After dinner we went home and packed.

On Wednesday we all met at the airport and checked in our luggage and then said our goodbyes. We boarded our flight at 9:40am. It took 1 hour to get to Seoul. We collected our luggage and met Moss Vale and Campbelltown students and went to the Korean War Memorial for lunch. After lunch we went to Insadong Street, which was a long street full of shops. When we had finished shopping we went to the airport. We boarded our flight and got settled for a 10 hour flight back to Sydney. We arrived in Sydney Airport early Thursday morning and went through customs. We met our parents and went home to Goulburn. We all had a great time.

I would like to thank all the teachers who were involved with the organisation prior and throughout the Korean Trip.

Laura Fletcher, year 9.







WE NEED YOU, MUMS AND DADS!

We have a fundraising event for the upgrade of our hall. We will be conducting a BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 2nd December. We are to man it from 9am to 4pm. If you are able to help us for any time during those hours, we would be most appreciative. Just call Paula on 48 21 4022 to volunteer.

Thanks everyone.

The GHS 100 year celebration dinner on the 29th September was a great success. Everyone had a wonderful evening. Staff and ex-students came from all over the country to renew friendships and reminisce about their happy memories of their time at GHS.

Thank you to all those who supported this historic occasion.

We congratulate all the students and staff who travelled to Korea. The exchange was most successful and enriching.

We congratulate also all those students who will be recognised for their fine work at the Recognition Assembly on Wednesday 24th October at 9.30am. Well done.

Our 100th Presentation Night is Wednesday 12th December. This will be special for all those involved, so put it in your diaries. Iuste et tenaciter!

Our next P&C meeting will be altered a little for November. Those who enjoy a less formal setting would be most welcome to join us at the Centretown Lagoon Restaurant on Wednesday 21st at 7pm. You would need to let us know of your intention to come, so that we can let the Centretown know numbers. We just pay for our own meals and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere while seeing to business.

Phone 4821 4022 - school hours and ask for Paula.

Paula Geary

P&C President

PREMIER'S DEBATING CHALLENGE

Recently our Year 7 debaters travelled to Queanbeyan to participate in the Zone competition for the Premier's Debating Challenge. The students were enthusiastic and spoke well, winning both rounds of the debate against Karabar and Jindabyne High Schools. They will now progress to the next level of the competition and will compete in the regional play-offs. We wish them good luck for the next round. Thanks to Ms Spence and Mrs Davey (parent) for making the trip to Queanbeyan so all of our enthusiastic team could participate.



P&C Dates for 2012

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.

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"You know the expression "It takes a village to raise a child?" I think it takes a village to host an exchange student as well, as I have had different friends and neighbours drive me to school every day this week! I have been invited for weekends all over France with various people and everyone is keen to show me their way of life and culture! I couldn't be happier!"

Emma, semester program to France .



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Upcoming Information Evenings

Sydney

25 October / 7:30-9pm
Bowlers Club of NSW
Level 2 / 95-99 York Street
Sydney CBD

Melbourne

24 October / 7:30-9pm
Kingston Arts Centre
979 Nepean Highway
Moorabbin

Brisbane

25 October / 7:30-9pm
Metropolitan Motor Inn
106 Leichhardt Street
Spring Hill

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes". Volunteer to host an international high school student in February 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Colombia, Canada and the U.S.A. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, to request a selection of international student profiles to check out, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.



Another Smith Cup Victory!

As you all know by now: WE WON!!! Go Goulburn!!! (More detailed information and photos of all participants and events in the next newsletter).

In other sporting news, congratulations to our state athletes who represented our school with pride at the State Athletics Carnival held at Homebush last term.

To be amongst our state's elite athletes was surely an experience. A big congratulations must also go to **Ellen Ryan (Year 9)** – Ellen won gold at the Australian Championships held during the last school holidays. Ellen was also successful in achieving a spot in the Australian Under 18's team.

Mrs Randall



The students who participated in the State Athletic Carnival were:

Samantha Estall - placed equal first in hurdles and 5th in 100m sprint
 Georgia Noack - placed 10th in long jump
 Reece Langdon - placed 1st in under 17th 400m relay and 4th in 400m sprint
 Jordan Lees - placed 5th in high jump
 Laura Ellis and Emmot Falconer participated in shot put and 1500m respectively.
Congratulations to all State Athletics participants. What an achievement!



SPAC EXPO

On Tuesday the 18th and Wednesday the 19th of September, Year 9 and 10 Leadership classes, prefects and other selected students attended the Sporting and Culture Expo at Carr Confoy Park. They were accompanied by Mr Chamberlain, Mr McClure and Miss Cupitt. The day involved a variety of NSW sporting and local community bodies hosting activities for Primary School students participation. This year it included activities such as NSW touch football, NSW soccer, NSW AFL, wheelchair basketball, netball and dance, along with representatives from the Cancer Council, Questacon, pony club, the police, the fire department and ambulance. It was our students' responsibility either to run an activity for the primary school students to participate in or accompany them when participating in the variety of activities. It was great to see students going beyond their expected duties by helping out with the BBQ, setting up and packing away equipment, handing out water and organising clusters.

Special mention to Luke Soley, James Finch and Aaron Skelly for their expertise and leadership skills while running the cricket, to Amy Orchard and Caitlin Young for their continuous efforts when packing away equipment in the pouring rain and to Cassie Reid and Shannon Zammit for their enthusiastic and non-stop approach to dance. The day ran smoothly and we would also like to give a huge thank you to Mrs Stephenson for organising students' participation and to Mr Alan Caldow for the success of the day. Miss Cupitt

What's on this term

25th October	-	Senior IM Excursion to Mittagong
26th October	-	Year 11 Primary Industry Excursion
29th October	-	Year 8 End of Year exams (2 days)
31st October	-	Wollongong Science Fair (10 Year 7/8/9/10 students)
6th November	-	Year 9 and 10 End of Year exams (4 days)
8th November	-	Leadership Camp (proposed date)
13th November	-	Year 8 ESSA test (2 days/period 1 and 2)
14th November	-	Year 12 English Advanced study day in Sydney Year 12 2012 RSA/RCA Course
15th November	-	VIBE 3 on 3 at the Basketball stadium
16th November	-	Year 12 Formal
19th November	-	Cootamundra APH and I Show (2 days)
21st November	-	Year 6 to 7 Transition evening
22nd November	-	Year 6 to 7 Orientation day
26th November	-	Year 10 Work Experience (5 days)
12th December	-	Presentation Evening
13th December	-	Year 11 Barrier Reef Trip (6 days)
17th December	-	End of Year Activities (3 days)
20th December	-	School Development (2 days)

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