



# Goulburn High School News

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Students at Goulburn High School have enjoyed a variety of activities over the past three weeks, including: ESL class travelling to the University of Canberra to attend the **ASPIRE** program with Mr Carroll; Year 9 students walking their Bronze **Duke of Edinburgh** challenge with Mr Steel and Mr White; and our junior chefs baking up a storm against Bowral's 'sconnoisseurs' during the annual **Smith Cup** hospitality contest.





## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

When I last wrote the Principal's Report for our newsletter in week three, the Smith Cup was about to take place. The Cup is now over and I am pleased to report that Goulburn High School has once again taken out a win against Bowral High School, in what ended up being a very close contest. Both schools exhibited fantastic respect and consideration, with Bowral being very gracious in defeat. I would like to pass on my congratulations to students and staff from both schools for a tremendous day.

Year 12 have just finished their HSC exams and are now looking forward to their formal on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. I look forward to seeing our year 12 students at their formal and wish them the best. I am sure the excellent education they received at Goulburn High School will set them up for great futures, whatever they may be. Years 7-10 have also just finished their final exams and will be looking forward to their results over the coming week. Our year 11 students have just received their final year jackets and this year they have opted for a college style over the usual jersey. The jackets look great and I would like to thank year advisor Mr Ross Mackay for taking a risk with the new style. The jackets are certainly a new look for our senior school and I am very happy with them, especially as they also commemorate our 100 years.

Year 6 students and their parents from our partner primary schools will be coming in on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November for their orientation activities. This will include the opportunity to purchase book packs, meet their year advisor Mrs Porter, and have some great nibbles prepared by our hospitality class. We look forward to seeing our new students and their families on the day.

In 2014, the new National Curriculum will begin with the first syllabus documents in English, Mathematics, Science and History for Years 7-10. To allow schools time to plan for what are in some cases major changes, an extra Staff Development Day will take place in term 2 2013. The pupil free days for 2013 are: term 1 - Day 1 pupil free, day 2 Years 7, 11 and 12 only, day 3 all students; term 2 – days 1 and 2 are pupil free for staff development; term 3 – day 1 is pupil free for staff development; and term 4 – the last 2 days of term are pupil free for staff development. On occasion, parents need to come to the school to drop off food for their children. Whilst it is tempting to have your students wait at the gate or pass the food through the fence, it is very difficult for staff to determine who the adult is and exactly what is being passed through. This is made even more complex as a result of court orders and other child protection issues. I ask parents to please come to the front office with the parcel to be delivered and we will organise for your child to receive it. Students should not be ordering food from local businesses and have it delivered through the fence line as these adults are even less known by our staff.

Vero Joseph



# Visit to Wollondilly Primary School for sports and activities

During Term 3 on Monday of weeks 7 and 9, the Year 9 Leadership class ventured across the road to Wollondilly Primary School to utilise their activity portfolio by taking the year 3,4,5 and 6 primary students for sports and activities. Some of the games the Year 9 students conducted were basketball, lacrosse, postman, crab soccer, dodge ball, castle, frisbee soccer and many more. Both days were glorious weather and it was great to see the positive and enthusiastic behaviour of the Wollondilly students who were very eager to participate. A huge thank you to the year 9 Leadership students who displayed a high standard of leadership qualities that were reflected in their assessment results.

Miss Cupitt



## Success at Cootamundra Cattle Show

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>, Chloe Ryan, Holly Beard and Emilee Battiste lead at Cootamundra Cattle Show. On the Friday they all led in the paraders. Chloe gained 1<sup>st</sup> in her class leading Wynella Helen. Emilee gained 2<sup>nd</sup> in her class leading Bonnie, and Holly gained 4<sup>th</sup> in her class leading Bonnie. On the Saturday, Holly led the cow and Emilee led the calf, and they both gained a 1<sup>st</sup> and also Reserve Champion Cow and Calf. Chloe led Wynella Helen and gained 1<sup>st</sup> and also Reserve Junior Champion Heifer. Chloe also led Wynella Tornado and gained 1<sup>st</sup>. Holly led one of Wynella Vagabonds and gained 1<sup>st</sup> and then also gained Reserve Junior Champion Bull. Emilee led Woolaringa Bonnie and gained a 1<sup>st</sup>. Fiona Battiste was leading Woolaringa Leane and gained a 1<sup>st</sup> and also Junior Champion Heifer. I would like to say a big thanks to Fiona and her cattle from Woolaringa.



Holly Beard

## MARULAN CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN DAY

**WHEN:** 15th December 2012; commences at 3pm

**WHAT:** - Loads of entertainment  
- Carnival Food  
- Rides  
- Face Painting

- Show bags  
- Carols  
- Market Stalls  
- Santa Photos  
- **Fireworks**



**Where:** Marulan Soccer Fields  
**All proceeds go to the Goulburn War-rigal Care Dementia Unit!**  
**Bring your family along for a fun filled afternoon. Have your picture taken with Santa and sing along to the carols before watching an amazing fire-work display.**  
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## ESL Visit to University of Canberra

On Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, the ESL students of Goulburn High visited the University of Canberra as part of the UC Aspire program. The program, run by the university's Equity Centre, aims to encourage people from non-English speaking backgrounds to enter into study at the university. Although ESL students will encounter obvious language challenges in their tertiary studies, the university has a number of support programs in place to help students succeed in their higher education.

We started the day with a presentation from Eric, a Rwandan refugee who inspired the students with his success story. Not only did he make it to Australia and get into university, he has also studied in the US as part of a study exchange program and travelled through Europe as well. His story was really inspiring to our students who shared a similar background with Eric.

We then had a scavenger hunt. We had to run around the university campus and find information to complete a quiz. We ran into some ex-GHS students who are really enjoying life at university and also encouraged our students to do the same.

After lunch, we visited the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery to get an insight into becoming a nurse. As a number of our students are interested in this career, we had an interesting question and answer session with the lecturers. The students asked thoughtful questions and many walked away seriously considering nursing as a career option.

In all, it was a great day for all of the students. They all realised that study at university is an attainable pathway that can open up many amazing opportunities in their lives. We would like to say a big thankyou to Sarah Haslam and the Equity Centre team at UC.

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## Visiting artist offers a helping hand in the class room

Last term, Goulburn High School was the studio for an artist in residence. Erica Wrigley is currently in her third year of her Visual Arts degree with a major in painting at the Australian National University. Her time with us was funded by the ANU Equity Office. The reason is to help students understand that university is an option after year 12.

Erica was asked, "What do you speak to the students about?" She replied, "My art and my practice with years 7-11 and then I show them examples in the flesh, including my visual diaries. The students are also welcomed and encouraged to ask questions and watch me paint during class time."

Students who have been exposed to a young practising Australian artist realise that studying Visual Arts is an option for their future and that they have access to resources through school. The students could see the practical side of Art. Taking the theory out of text books and bringing it into their worlds was another of the benefits Erica felt she had brought to the students.

One highlight for the students was seeing the artist's visual diaries and asking questions about the role of the diaries in her art, which made their own visual diaries more relevant. An aspect that Erica found exciting was how different age groups reacted differently to her work and her ideas.

Erica created some portraits for students while talking them through the process of observation and giving them drawing tips. Erica commented, "Being at university, I have the opportunity to experience residencies like this and I'm able to share some of my knowledge and interest with the students."

Erica's own education in both primary and secondary school was surrounded with art. She was exposed to many artists and a lot of art history. This infiltrated her ideas and techniques. "Working alongside Di Smith was fantastic. Being in her classes reminded me how high school was and the importance of the information supplied by the teachers," Erica stated. "The students have so much energy and when you can give them a creative outlet it gives them the satisfaction of producing something that is their own," was one thing that Erica found when working with the students. Every class responded positively and participation was excellent. It was exciting watching the students involved in the things Erica instituted.

"I found this experience so energetic I would do it again in a heartbeat," Erica said.

Di Smith, Art Teacher



## Cultural Studies in the Classroom

On November 5th in Cultural Studies, as part of our unit learning about Japanese culture with Mr Mackay, we learnt how to make sushi. We shared the nori rolls around the class and with some Goulburn High School staff in E-block. Ms Maltan helped herself again and again, which implies they were either really good or she was just really hungry.

We used seasoning such as Wasabi (very hot horseradish paste) and soy sauce, with ingredients such as carrots, avocados, cucumbers and sushi rice. Everyone enjoyed it and had a good time making them. Thanks to Mrs Tomlinson and Mr Mackay for the hands-on instructions.

Kyarna Plumb and Jacob Bamford



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Throughout the year several Year 10 and Year 11 students have been participating in iTrack. iTrack is a program organised through the Smith Family that provides students with a mentor that relates to the students' career aspirations. The students (from left: Courtney Saebesch - Y11, Caitlyn Toll - Y11, Jack Moore - Y10 and Daniel Nesbitt - Y11) demonstrated commitment and celebrated their achievement with a luncheon to receive their certificates.

## Apprenticeships

Engineering Mechanical (Fitter) or Engineering Fabrication (Boilermaker)

If you are interested in an apprenticeship and have previous experience or learning, a high level of commitment, experience as a team player and passion for rail transport please call Southern Tablelands Group Training on 4822 5075.

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There are apprenticeships available at Capital Veneering (Queanbeyan) for 2013. If you would like more information contact Ben Madden (Director) on 0402 329 063 or see Miss Joshua.

## Information Nights:

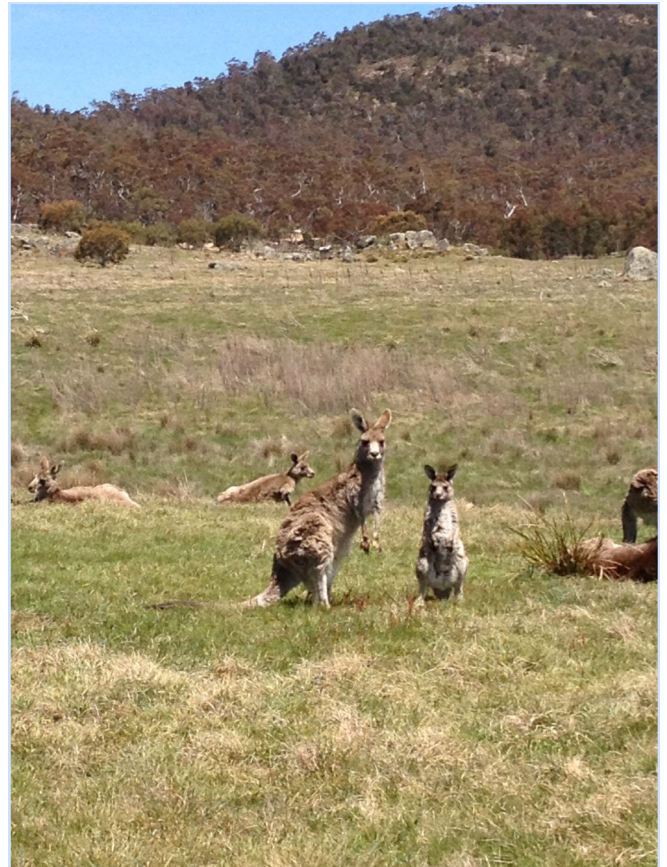
ADF Trades and Engineering Information Session

Date: Wednesday 14th November at 6pm

Location: **15 Bowes Street (Medibank Building), Woden, ACT.**

## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Hike to Namadgi National Park

Last Saturday, 13 brave souls ventured out into the lush bush of Namadgi National Park, accompanied by Mr Steel, Mr White and Mrs Ackery. With nothing but the packs on our backs and the very motivational and enthusiastic navigational skills of Bree Joseph, we set out on our 20 km round trip hike, some of us with plenty of experience and some of us with nothing at all. Stopping for morning tea at a shelter (after goodness knows how much walking) we all thought this walk would be easy, as the first couple of kilometres were flat. That all changed though when we hit the hills. However, we persevered and arrived at an amazing display of rock art where we stopped to have lunch. After walking for a while and rocking out to 'Eye of the Tiger' and other motivational songs, we finally came to our camp site. After setting up TWICE we were finally able to settle down. That night was one of the most interesting nights of my life. After playing bull and battles, having debates and telling failed scary stories, we all eventually



climbed into bed at about 10pm and tried to sleep, even though the temperature dropped significantly. The next morning, after a very long night of shivering and freezing, we all ditched the idea of swimming. After watching Bree attempt to cook and eat raw pancakes, Hayden cook and drop half of his bacon and Mikayla make baked bean soup, everyone explored the rocks and waterfall (again) until it was time to head home. The boys hadn't given up the idea of rabbit hunting and when we stopped for lunch they took up the opportunity to try and catch them with their bare hands - hilarious to watch. Getting to the car park at the end of the hike was the biggest relief and even though everyone went home furry-toothed, battered and bruised and just all around filthy, I'm sure it's safe to say everyone had a lot of fun. On behalf of our group I would like to thank the parents who took the time to drive us out there and the teachers who happily dedicated their time to taking care of us. It is highly appreciated and we're looking forward to our next adventure.

Brianna Southwell, Year 10



### PBS - Positive Behaviour for Success at Goulburn High School

Recent winners in our weekly PBS draws. Thanks to all our staff and students, who continue to demonstrate our school values and aim high in all they do. Our values of being respectful, considerate, positive and responsible are important values not only for school, but for life.



**Teachers Dress Up for Melbourne Cup**  
Miss Joshua and Miss Jordan showing off their Melbourne Cup hats last week.







## **WE NEED YOU, MUMS and DADS!**

We will be fundraising with a BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We need help! We'll be cooking sausages and onions from 9am to 4pm. If you are able to help us for any time during those hours, even if it is only for an hour, we would be most appreciative. Just call the school on 48 21 4022 to volunteer.

Book Packs for next year will be available from the GHS Canteen from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December for Years 8, 9 and 10. Years 11 and 12 will require stationery for their work and their teachers will advise them of these requirements. Orientation Evening for Year 7, 2013 will be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and their Book Packs will be on sale in the hall.

The HSC exams are drawing to a close and we extend to all our Year 12 students our very best wishes for their future endeavours. We hope that their lives will be full of success in their chosen fields.

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

Phone 4821 4022 - school hours and ask for Paula.

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

Paula Geary  
GHS P&C President

# P&C Dates for 2012

## **21st November (Dinner Meeting - Centretown Lagoon Restaurant 7 pm)**

Meetings commence at 7.00pm in the common room downstairs in M Block. Please note change of venue for this month! Contact Paula at GHS Office to let her know if you are able to attend.

*Members must be financial to vote and receive minutes by email.*

**EFTPOS is now available at GHS**





Smith Cup was a huge success - thanks to all of our staff and students present on the day.

The 'vibe' around the school was extremely positive and it's my belief that is why we came out with the narrow win.

We had mixed results around the sports/ activities and the result definitely came down to the wire. Lawn bowls, hockey, computer games, tennis and table tennis were highlights and definitely got us across the line.

For me the clear highlight of the day was both schools congregating in the hall at the conclusion of the day. The sportsmanship shown by Bowral High School in defeat is to be admired and I hope if positions are reversed in the coming years, we can show the same qualities. But the roar as Mr Teague announced Goulburn High's win and Taylor and Kiah lifting the cup in front of the school - that's what made the day and made all the hard work worth it !



Thanks to the staff who coordinated, coached and supervised and all students who participated in the activities. A special thanks must go to the PE staff who had been working for months before the event to ensure it's success.

Our prefects and sporting house captains definitely got behind the day with their 'old school' PE uniforms. The PE staff would like to thank them for their leadership and enthusiasm.

Bring on next year !  
Michelle Randall



# What's on this term

- 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  
Year 6 to 7 Transition session: Tirranna PS and  
Goulburn East PS to GHS (9.30am —11.00am)
- 16th November - Year 7, Year 9 Leadership classes and Prefects  
attending Police March  
Year 12 Formal
- 19th November - Cootamundra APH and I Show (2 days)
- 21st November - Year 9 and 10 Fair Trading Seminar (10am—11am)
- 22nd November - Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day and Transition Evening
- 26th November - Year 10 Work Experience (5 days)
- 30th November - Year 11 Geography excursion to Sydney Olympic  
Park  
'Students on Track' to Sydney Olympic Park
- 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 Days (2 days)

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