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### Aboriginal Bush

#### Tucker Garden

A small area near the roundabout has been used to plant native bush tucker plants to enhance our students' understanding of Aboriginal culture and traditions.



### Smith Cup success for the fourth time

Goulburn High School is becoming stronger and more confident each year since winning back the Smith Cup in 2010. Competing on home turf is meant to be favourable, however, over the past four years, GHS students have progressed in strength, stamina, intelligence and technique to keep Bowral High School at bay. Although a worthy opponent, Bowral lost on a very thin margin and we are keeping the cup for another year. Congratulations to all participants and spectators alike!





## Principal's Report

The 2013 Smith Cup has been run and won with Goulburn High once again being victorious. This is the fourth straight year that we have been successful. Thank you to Mr Strode and all staff for their efforts in assisting students to achieve this great result. We again look forward to hosting the cup next year.

Congratulations to Year 12 on the completion of their HSC examinations. Year 12 celebrated this milestone with their formal which was held last

Friday at the Goulburn Soldiers Club. Thank you to Mr Mackay and his team for organising a very successful event.

A Year 6 to 7 evening is going to be held during Week 6, with hopefully a large number of parents and students supporting the evening. We look forward to our new students starting next year.

All our junior students have completed their final examinations for 2013. Reports will be issued in December.

Our Science team recently competed in a competition at Wollongong University. This competition was linked to their research projects that they completed earlier this year and which were displayed during the Science Fair. A more detailed report will follow.

Our Duke of Edinburgh program continues to produce outstanding results with one of our recent ex-students, William Oxley, receiving his Gold Certificate from the Governor of NSW at Government House in Sydney. Goulburn High School has a long and proud history of producing students who achieve at the highest level.

Our school Captains and Vice Captains have been very busy of late representing the school at Belmore Park for Remembrance Day last Monday. In the very near future they will be attending a meeting with the local Mayor at a reception for school leaders.

Peter Browne

## PBS - Positive Behaviour for School Improvement



Students were recently recognised on our weekly assembly for their demonstration of the school's values.

Our new rewards scheme is working well, with several students earning GHS 'Dollars' as they continue to demonstrate our school values in the playground and classrooms. Over 100 students participated in our first "Rewards Afternoon" yesterday, where they were able to choose from activities such as board games and film viewing. The students enjoyed having an 'afternoon off' as a thank you and reward for their continued hard work and positive attitude. In Week 9, students will have an opportunity to 'spend' their GHS Dollars at an auction. Several prizes are being organised so students should make sure all their GHS Dollars have been handed to their Roll Call teachers by the end of Week 8. GHS Dollars awarded before Week 9 this term will not be valid in 2014.

**The team at Essential Employment and Training would like to thank teacher Jennifer Kennedy and the students from Goulburn High School who participated and assisted in making ProjectABLE Goulburn a huge success.**

**We are extremely grateful for the hard work and efforts of each individual and are committed to working together in the future in order to strengthen our relationship.**

## From The Careers Desk

WORK EXPERIENCE: Another group of Year 10&11 students have successfully completed Work Experience. A BIG ‘thank you’ from GHS to the employers who have provided our students with such a valuable opportunity and for the encouragement, support and guidance provided to them during their experience.

<b>Students:</b>	<b>Employers:</b>	<b>Students:</b>	<b>Employers:</b>
Jessica Turner	Marulan Vet Hospital	Steven Shaw	Eastmark Holdings
Nathan Charnock	G J Corby Constructions	Gus Andrews	Barry Burrows Engineering
Abbie McDougall	Emilie & Jagged Edge Hair	Jacob Baldock	Gavin Rawley Constructions
Addison Noack	Tutt Bryant Goulburn	Mitchell Webster	Crookwell Council
Tiffany Heath	Goulburn East Public School	Taylah Croker	Netstrata
Tom Rampling	CFCLA, Australia Horse Power	Made Sunada	Goulburn West Public School
Tahnee Porter	Taronga Zoo	Nicole Connell	Goodstart Learning Centre
Jodie Moulakas	Goulburn Mulwaree Council - Library		

Congratulations to the students who organised their placement, completed the paperwork and then participated in their experience with such enthusiasm and maturity.

**NEWS FLASH** – change of format. **Future Careers Desk newsletters will no longer be printed but will instead be available on the school’s website on the same day that the newsletter is issued. Please ensure you visit the website to ensure that you do not miss out on some of the fabulous opportunities on offer.**

**Topics included in this edition:** Free Careers Advisory Service for HSC students; Goulburn & District Education Foundation (CEF) Scholarships: TAFE, university, apprenticeships etc - under 21 years old are eligible; Wollongong University summer holiday learning labs Yrs 3-10; Wollongong TAFE – summer holiday Trades School; Apprenticeship opportunities – BORAL; Affordable Housing for Apprentices; C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship – undergraduate residential scholarship; RoSA & BOS Students Online reminders.

Mrs Kennedy

## Year 8 A Taste of ANU

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 42 Year 8 students were given the opportunity to travel to the Australian National University and experience the life of a university student. When the students arrived, they were greeted by their peer mentors from the university who provided them with an array of opportunities. Year 8 participated in a Law Lecture about shop lifting where they learnt their legal rights and details of being an eye witness. Students were then given a tour of the university campus where they discovered the dictionary building, how many levels the library had and the diverse architectural structure of the chemistry buildings and laboratories.

After the guided campus tour, students were encouraged to experience the real university life by having lunch at Bruce Hall College. Year 8 decided “college food isn’t as bad as we thought”. Year 8 then had the opportunity to explore the college and see what the living quarters were like. After lunch students participated in a slam poetry session conducted by an Honours student studying linguistics. Year 8 came up with some interesting poems, but we need to make a special mention of Axel Northey who produced the poem of the day. Well done, Axel. Year 8 would like to say a special ‘thank you’ to Miss Bailey, our Year Advisor, for organising and making this day possible and ‘thank you’ to Mrs Porter for her supervision.

Year 8 Students



## Deputy Principal's Report

### BYOD

The government model for providing computing resources to students has changed. In the past, students in year 9 were provided with a laptop that they used for the next 4 years. As of 2014, this model will no longer operate. The new model operates on a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) principle, where schools and their community decide on the way that devices will be used at school. This effectively has three possible ways of being implemented.

1. A specific brand and model of device is specified and all students purchase that device for use in the school (e.g. Ipad only or Chromebook only etc.)
2. A set of minimum requirements are specified and students bring any device that satisfies these requirements (e.g. 6hr battery life or 8inch screen only etc.).
3. Any device can be used as long as it has compatible wireless connection (e.g. smartphone, laptop, tablet etc).

Each of these pathways has advantages and disadvantages and the school will survey families with students in years 7 and 8 to receive feedback on the three modes of delivery. It is vital that these surveys are returned so the school can take account of the widest feedback in formulating the next step. Students currently in years 9 to 11 are not affected as they will still have the laptops.

### Uniform

The quality of uniform worn by students has deteriorated. Black socks are not part of the uniform but are now routinely worn by students together with canvas shoes. Some boys have also chosen to wear light grey track style shorts which are also not part of our uniform code. These must not be worn. Students are at school and have the same expectations on uniform as they do in the workplace. Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform for school or that they have a note explaining why they are out of uniform and when this will be fixed. In order for the school to give students the best opportunities, we must have a good working relationship with our community. We would really appreciate the support of parents in this matter.

Vero Joseph

### University of Wollongong Regional Science Fair

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, 13 of our best junior science students travelled to the University of Wollongong for the Illawarra Coal Regional Science Fair. The competition was fierce with 720 students from 57 different schools present. It was a great opportunity for our students to assess how their Student Research Projects compared to the other 440 projects that were on display. It was apparent to all that when GHS students aim high they are capable of producing work that is as good (if not better) than anyone else in the region. A tremendous congratulation is in order for Hayden Ellis and Emmot Falconer. Hayden finished third overall in stage 5 (year 9 and 10) and Emmot's project was highly commended.

Jemma Frost



## Wollondilly Primary School Visit

On Friday in week 2 and week 4, the Year 9 and 10 Leadership class visited Wollondilly Primary students to coach a variety of sports during their lunchtime. Prior to the visits, students were required to write a step by step plan with details of what they were going to coach and participated in several practice sessions. Sports included basketball, netball, touch football, cricket, soccer, European handball and mini games. The primary school students were very enthusiastic and keen to participate. It was great to see the Leadership class providing positive encouragement and creating an environment where all students were included and could participate to their full ability. Wollondilly teachers were very impressed with the amount of respect, responsibility and quality leadership skills displayed by the year 9 and 10 students and requested that they help out again.

Miss Cupitt



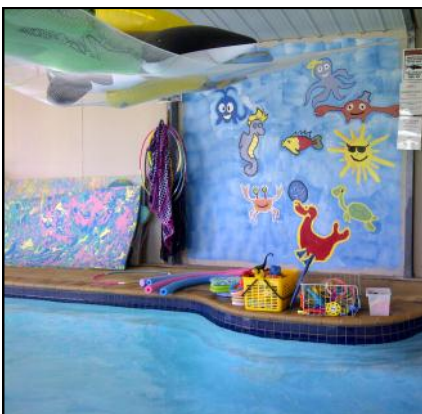
## Neate Swim School Mural

Students from Year 11 Art class have painted two murals at Neate Swim School. One depicts beach safety while the other focuses on river safety. One wall is directed at young children showing cartoon fish, whales and assorted sea creatures.

The students were Bethany Cosgrove, Brittany Coe, Skye Deighton, Sarah Potts, Charni Chalker and Keira Luff McLean. The students had two days to complete the three scenes, which were met with excitement by each swimmer who came through the door.

The owner of the Swim School, Jenny Neate, sent congratulations on a job well done to our artists. As a result of the students' work, many young children will now be more aware of water safety as they enjoy the mural.

Di Smith, Art Teacher



## Sports Report

In August this year Ellen Ryan was nominated for the NSW CHS Blue Award for Lawn Bowls. This is a very prestigious award; it is given to those representatives who have achieved at an elite level in their chosen sport. Many sporting legends have received this award in the past.

Ellen was nominated for the award as a result of her hard work, determination and success at a number of tournaments. She placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Australian under 18 singles tournament, 1<sup>st</sup> in the Australian under 18s triples tournament this year and has been selected in the Australian u18 squad for 2014.

As a school we are very proud to announce that Ellen was awarded with the Blue Award for 2013. She will receive the award at Sydney Olympic Park in late November. This is an outstanding achievement and the award could not have gone to a more deserving recipient. Well done, Ellen.

Stay Active - GHS PDHPE Department





## Smith Cup Glory

Goulburn High School secured the Smith Cup for the fourth straight year on Friday, edging out Bowral High in another close contest. 250 GHS students travelled to Bowral to compete across 10 disciplines including netball, touch football, basketball, soccer, hockey, softball, table tennis, computing and masterchef. With 23 competition points up for grabs, schools were aiming for the magic number 12 to secure the longest running inter-school trophy in NSW.

Bowral High got off to a good start early with a win in junior netball before GHS hit back with strong performances in junior boys' touch and basketball. GHS had expected Bowral to be very strong in these two divisions and some credit must go to the coaches, Mr Gregory (touch) and Mr Teague (basketball) for developing the boys' skills. The result, however, was due to the application and determination of the junior boys to stay competitive and sneak a win.



Goulburn High was too strong in the girls' division of both basketball and touch, but this was offset by Bowral's dominance in girls' soccer. However, the boys' soccer, under the guidance of Mr Stoevelaar and, the boys' and girls' hockey teams, lead by Mr Lucas, all won their matches to take GHS close to the magic 12 points. An unexpected draw from Mrs Stephenson's T-ball team would later prove to be critical in the final tally.

The points then started to accrue for Bowral High with wins in senior netball, softball, table tennis and computing bringing them back to within one point of Goulburn, with only three more points available. Senior masterchef went the way of Bowral High, levelling the scores with only the results of junior masterchef and lawn bowls remaining.

Both results went the way of Goulburn High School, securing a closely fought 12-10 victory and a fourth consecutive Smith Cup win for the school.

Mr Strode (photos by Lauren Strode)



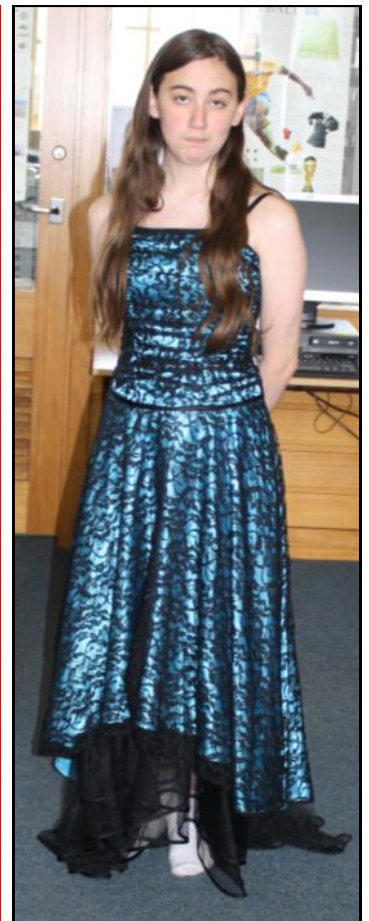


### What a Treat!

Years 9 and 10 History students had a real treat on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October when Mr Stoevelaar's mother, Anita, brought her vintage collection of household items and costumes for the students to look at. Not only were they encouraged to view the items, they could also handle objects and try on the clothing! You can see in these photos some of the debonair and glamorous students we have at Goulburn High School.







The HSIE faculty and students would like to thank Mrs Stoevelaar for the wonderful experience we had. If any Goulburn High School family or friend reading this have clothing or items they would like to donate to Mrs Stoevelaar so that we can build on this collection, please contact the HSIE faculty at the school. Mrs Stoevelaar is a true collector who would treasure any donations.

## Attendance

Attendance at school every day is essential for effective learning. School students belong at school - all day, every day. Students who miss school have difficulty in keeping up with work, maintaining friendships and may miss out on the many daily wonderful learning opportunities available at Goulburn High School. The school monitors attendance carefully and parents and students should be aware that the Department of Education and Communities and the NSW Board of Studies have attendance requirements. Where and when absences do occur it is important that a signed and dated note is provided on the first day back at school. Daily attendance and punctuality is an important life lesson for our students and also ensures that quality learning time is maximised. Students with a sustained poor pattern of attendance may find themselves ineligible for the award of the Record of School Achievement (RoSA), the new credential for Years 7 to 12. The school works closely with support agencies to monitor, assist and inform students and parents about poor attendance. We also congratulate students with high attendance rates regularly at our assemblies.

### **What constitutes an attendance problem?**

Poor attendance is usually unexplained and can be characterised by:

- attendance less than 85% with multiple unexplained absences
- school refusal
- a pattern of non-attendance, eg. absent each Friday or Monday
- consistent unexplained absences
- truancy
- repeated visits to sick bay
- parent condoned absences
- persistent lateness to school

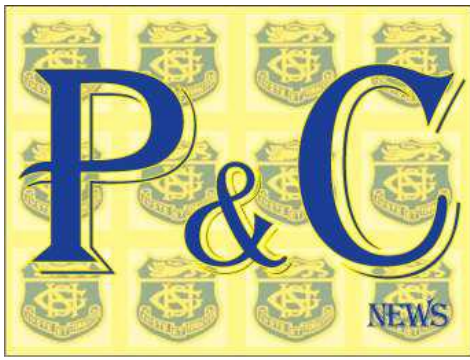
### Learning Time Lost – Years 7 to 10

<b>DAYS ABSENT</b>	<b>TOTAL DAYS</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF TIME MISSED</b>
1 day per week	<b>160</b>	<b>3 terms</b>
2 days per week	<b>320</b>	<b>1 year &amp; 2 terms</b>
3 days per week	<b>480</b>	<b>2 years &amp; 2 terms</b>
5 days per term	<b>80</b>	<b>2 terms</b>
10 days per term	<b>160</b>	<b>3 terms</b>



### **What Will Wybrow Do (WWWD)?**

To some students this might come as a surprise, but teachers are people too, having fun and enjoying their working environment. Ms Kara, Mrs Eagles and Mrs Jordan dressed up on Melbourne Cup Day, Mr Wybrow enchanted everyone with his amazing magical skills and Mrs Smith and Mr Falconer entered into the fun of a Halloween dress-up. Mr Wybrow has promised to continue WWWD in the foreseeable future.



The final meeting of 2013 is our annual dinner meeting at the Centretown on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm. It is a very pleasant way to end the year.

Thank you to those families who purchased a Pizza at Dominos on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Your support is much appreciated.

Your P & C meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm in the M Block Common Room. We are a small group consisting of parents, grandparents and passionate citizens. We gladly welcome new people at any meeting. We try to keep the meetings as casual as possible. Meetings are usually concluded by 8:30-9pm.

Attending P & C is not a huge commitment. A couple of hours once a month and due to school holidays we only meet 7-9 times a year. We don't expect you to be able to attend every meeting. We have a \$2 annual membership fee which entitles you to vote on important issues and also to receive the minutes of each meeting by email. No-one is asked to do anything more than they are comfortable with.

Everyone is welcome.

The dates for our 2014 meetings are as follows:

**12<sup>th</sup> February; 12<sup>th</sup> March; 9<sup>th</sup> April; 14<sup>th</sup> May; 11<sup>th</sup> June; 13<sup>th</sup> August; 10<sup>th</sup> September; 8<sup>th</sup> October and 12<sup>th</sup> November** – dinner meeting

Paula Geary

GHS P & C President.

### Aboriginal Bush Tucker Garden

Several Aboriginal students and friends had a successful day with the garden, planting 25 bush tucker plants, spreading mulch and digging holes for totem poles. The mulch was donated by Rick's Trees. A number of specialised local native plants were donated by the Society Growing Native Plants. Many advanced plants were donated by Bunning's Hardware and several staff assisted students.

The totem poles will be painted and will include images of local totem animals and traditional ochre handprints of the students. The totem poles are adjacent to a circle of stones which will be used for smoking ceremonies and talks with the Aboriginal students. Coles and the NSW Teacher's Federation have provided funds to purchase materials and plants.

The garden will have a role in educating year 8 students in the traditional methods of obtaining food, medicines and materials for basket weaving.

Mr Boyd



# What's on this term

13th November	-	Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day <b>Vibe 3 on 3 event (ca. 50 students from Year 7 to Year 10)</b> Year 6 to 7 Parent Information Night
14th November	-	Year 9 'Party Safe' Lecture - periods 1/2
25th November	-	Silver Duke of Edinburg walk (3 days) Year 8 Cultural Studies Chinatown excursion
12th December	-	Year 12 Chemistry Excursion Annual Presentation Evening
13th December	-	Year 11 Great Barrier Reef Excursion (6 days)
16th December	-	End of Year Activities (3 days)

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